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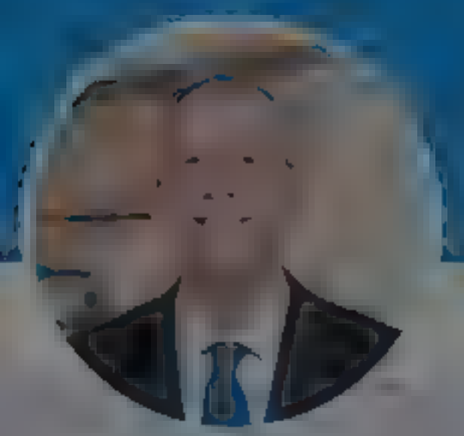
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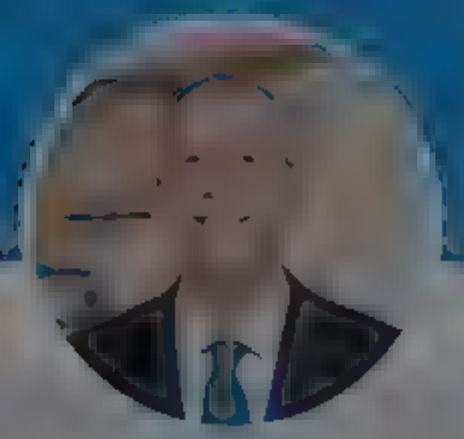
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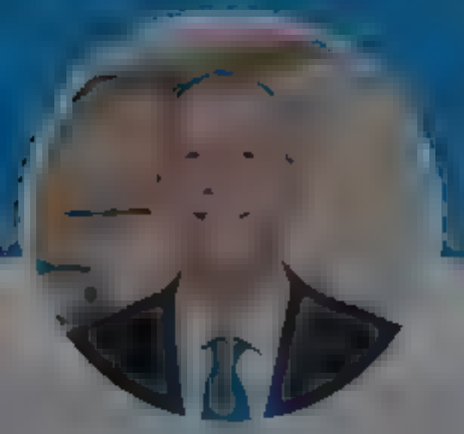
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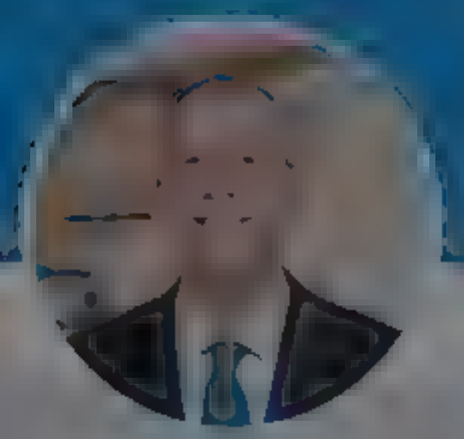
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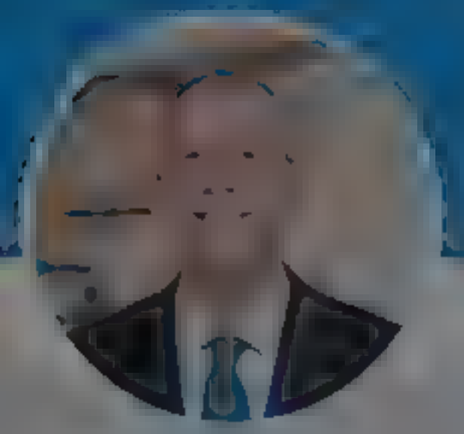
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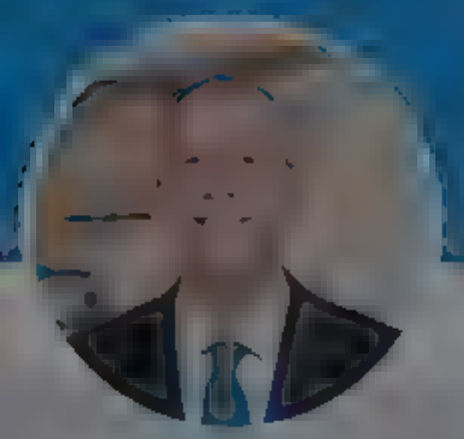
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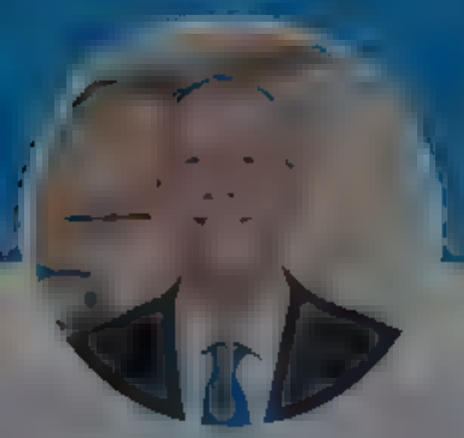
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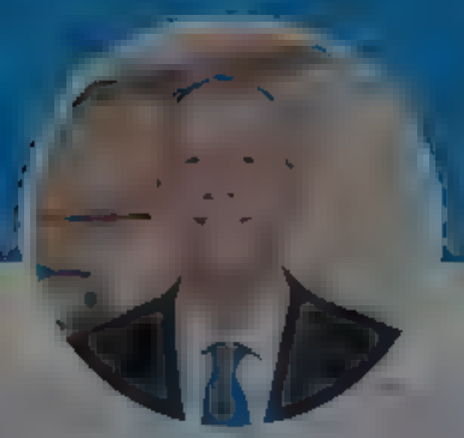
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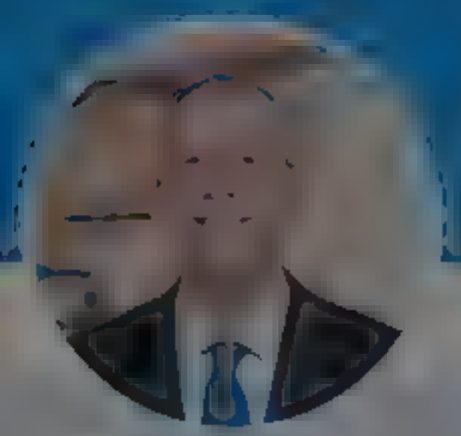
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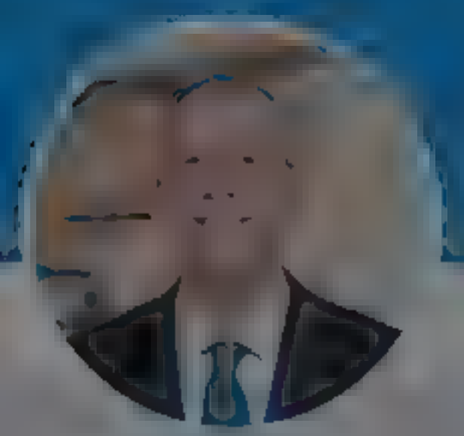
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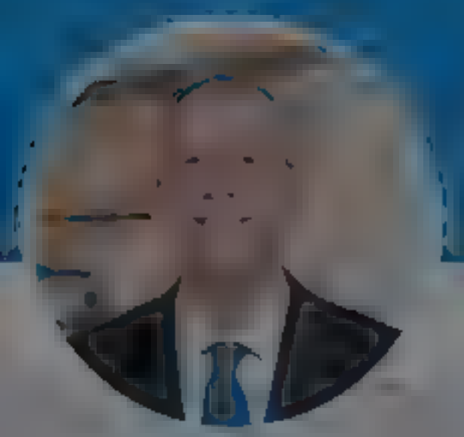
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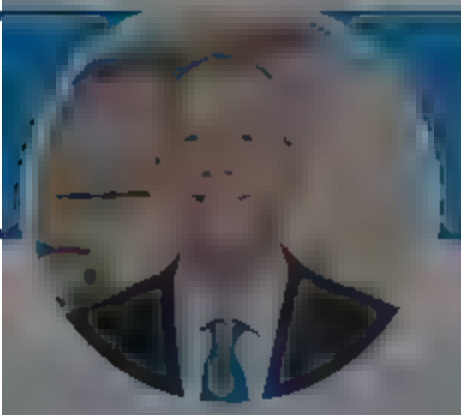
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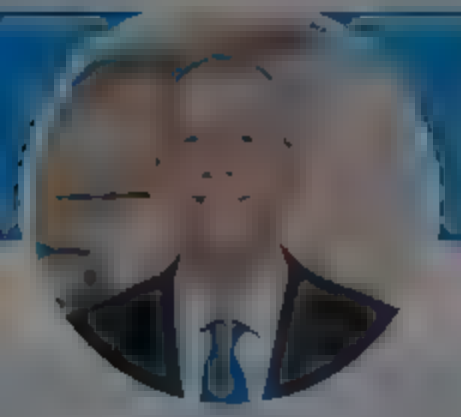
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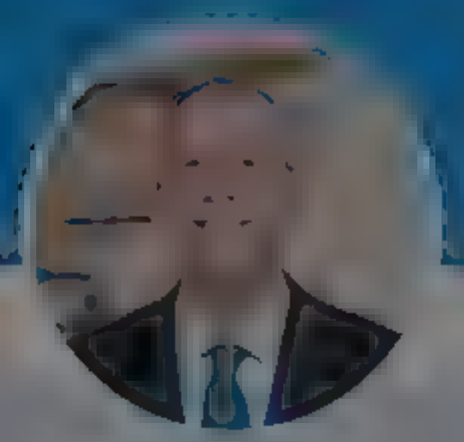
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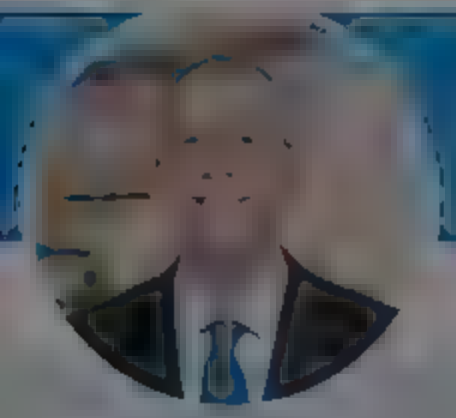
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thefederalist.com/2019/09/11/now ...

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Replying to @MrMaitra @FDRLST

Much credit to @bdomenech @MZHemingway and others for helping broaden the conversation around foreign policy on the Right.

6:28 AM · 11 Sep 2019

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Mr Maitra @MrMaitra · Sep 11
Replying to @WilliamRuger @FDRLST and 2 others
Absolutely. And, @JoyPollmann.

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University Bookman @ubookman · Sep 11
And dont forget @amconmag

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Mr Maitra @MrMaitra · Sep 11
Yes. I grew up reading Am Con Mag on Iraq. I was 18 when 9/11 happened

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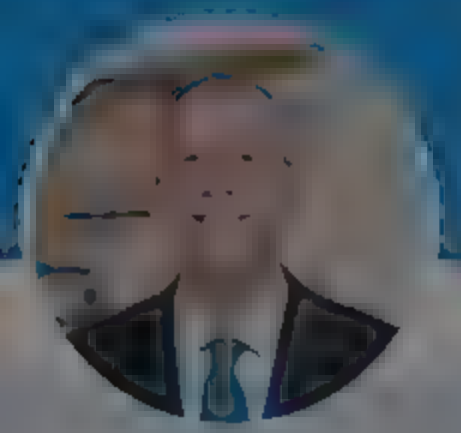
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Andrea Ruth @AndreaNR_th
Reminder that I have zero clue why I'm blocked by @popehat
twitter.com/jonahnro/statu...

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Phil Magness @Ph WMagness · 2h
Oh wel . No b g oss, as he wasn't provid ng any l fe-altering commentary & if he wants to l mit his own reach, he's free to do so. It's just more b zarre twitter behavior than anyth ng.

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Jason Sorens @JasonSorens 21m
have often en oyed @popehat's takes. Shame he b ocked you & many others for apparently noth ng. I'm not nfamous enough to be blocked by anyone other than Matt Yg es as,

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William Ruger @W Ruger 20m
You are pretty nfamous! ;)

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Jason Sorens @JasonSorens 16m
TBF, I'm hated more in meatspace than cyber-

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William Ruger @WilRuger 14m
You are one of the least hateable publ c figures too. So hard to mag ne anyone hat ng you

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Jason Sorens @JasonSorens · 13m
do strive for nonhateab l ty

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But having the right enemies isn't bad either....it can speak to your character!

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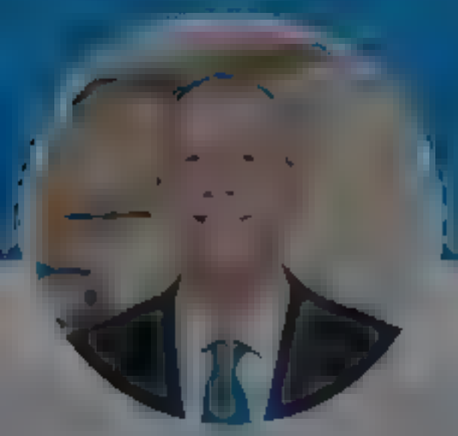
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Worth remembering that the U.S. does not have a formal defense alliance with Saudi Arabia. So U.S. is under no obligation to use force to defend the Kingdom.

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Mark R. Jacobson @markrondefense · 14m

Replying to @WilRuger

No American should die for the Saudi totalitarian monarchy
But if the WH determines Iran is a threat requiring military force (as a last resort) than the WH must make public case, open up the intel, comply w/ US & International law, & gain Congressional authorization for war

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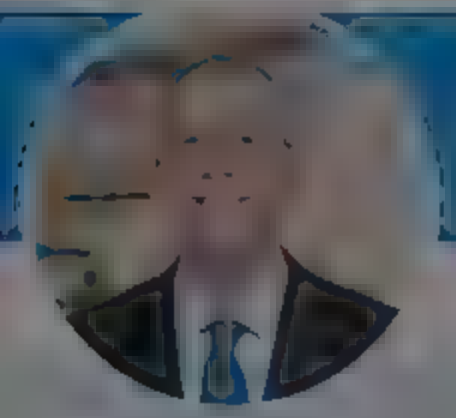
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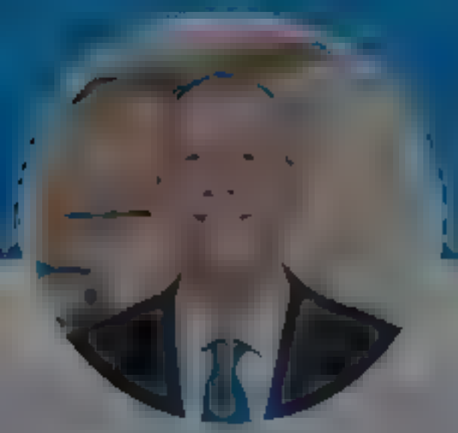
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William Ruger @W IRuger Sep 5

My gut te ls me that Elizabeth Warren wi l be the Democratic Party nom.nee. But my head te ls me B den Just can't see him making it all the way given what I'm observing out of h m. For Dems, worst thing would be he doesn't rea ly falter until after he's sewn up nom nat on.

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Trump will be more formidable against either than many will think, especially if economy doesn't falter.

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Casey Mattox @CaseyMattox_ Sep 6

Can I suggest people go look up what is actual y on the event calendar at your local library? I think it would he p with perspective

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Of course, that doesn't at all suggest that things are well in our culture or that we should say "ah, not that different or bad relative to....."

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Casey Mattox @CaseyMattox Sep 6

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No. But it should he p (1) F gure out how common the things you don't l ke are, and (2) That there are things you do like that are there because of the 1st A.

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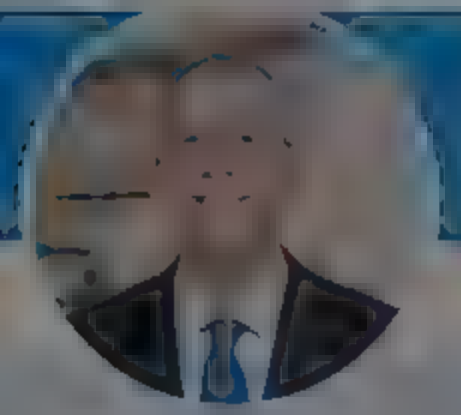
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Ajit Pai @AjitPa FCC · 24m

On th s date in 1983, Microsoft re eased a software appl cat on ca led "Multi-Tool Word." Soon shortened to M crosoft Word, it was the first word processor designed to be used with a mouse Free floppy d scs with demos of the program were included n a magazine also a first.



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But you gotta admit WordPerfect was pretty sweet at the time.

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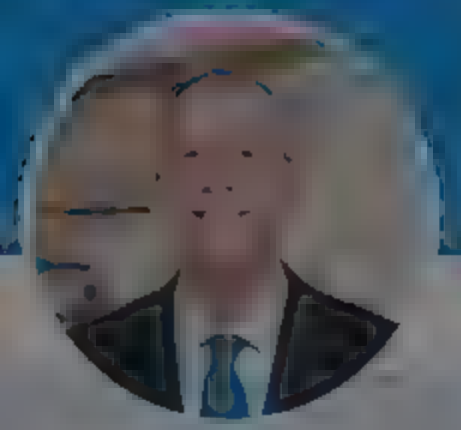
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Curious, where is he talking about when he says "there"?

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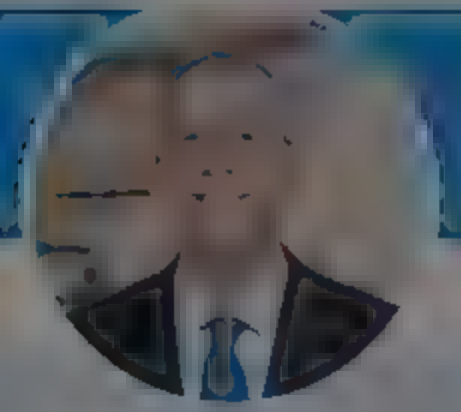
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Now do US-French relations under Washington.....

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John D. Payne @jdp wr tes 2m

Reply ng to @W l Ruger

Tak ng advantage of a stronger power is much ess shameful than tak ng advantage of a weaker one, don't you th nk?

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John D. Payne @jdp wr tes 23m

Only permanent interests, defenders only of o r own, etc., but th s is a shabby way to deal with them. And it teaches others that it doesn't pay to work with the Americans.

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William Ruger @W Ruger 21m

Just ke the French..but we survived and prospered. And true cred bility flows from interests.

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John D. Payne @jdp wr tes 17m

I know you're an advocate of pu l ng back everywhere, but is there no a ly you feel bad about abandoning? Cal me sentimental, but for me it's the Kurds.

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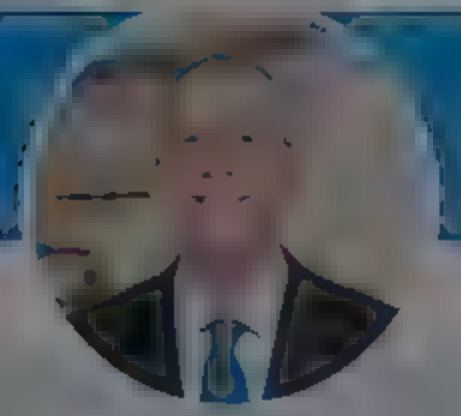
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Surely she knows that Turkey has been a NATO treaty ally for a very long time. Since 1952 exactly. And have a look at this: fas.org/sgp/crs/terror…

> **Hillary Clinton** @HillaryClinton
> Let us be clear: The president has sided with authoritarian leaders of Turkey and Russia over our loyal allies and America's own interests. His decision is a sickening betrayal both of the Kurds and his oath of office

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Damon Linker @DamonLinker · 1h
Don't even get me started on my great and unmatched wisdom.

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He's a rapper. Best way to understand him. Raps like Drake: "Last name Ever, first name Greatest."

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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetr s · 54m
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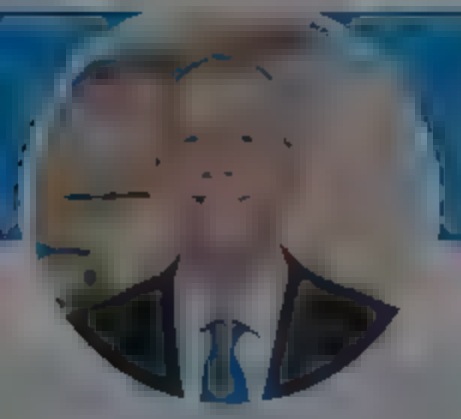
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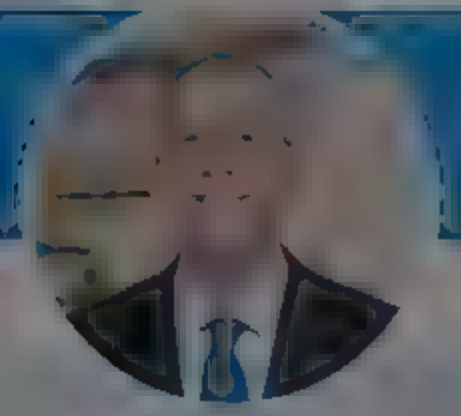
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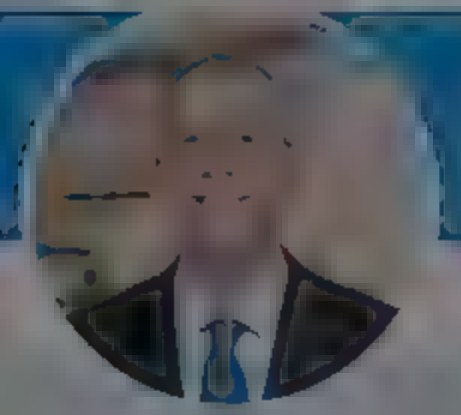
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@mattgaetz brings the heat.

> **Matt Gaetz** @mattgaetz
> So the nation with "no fau.t" divorce is supposed to stay marr ed to the Syr an Kurds...forever?
>
> We gave them weapons, money and tra ning to run IS S out of *their* region..

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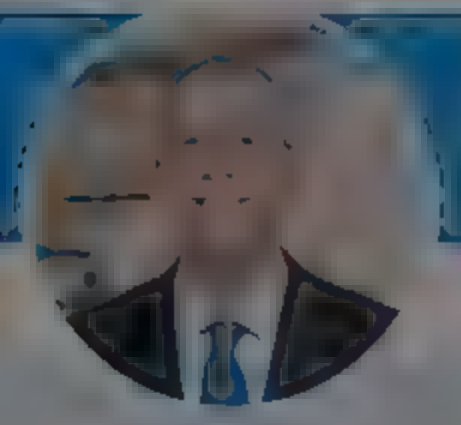
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Micah Zenko @M cahZe ko m

Of 50 000+ US forces in the region, Trump ordered 50 moved (though they are sti l in M dd e East). I await all the articles depicting h m as an isolationist and a dove.

> **Donald J. Trump** @realDona dTrump
> F ghting between various groups that has been go ng on for hundreds of years. USA shou d never have been in M ddle East. Moved our 50 sou ders out. Turkey MUST take over captured IS S fighters that E urope refused to have returned The stup d end ess wars, for us, are ending!

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William Ruger @Wi lRuger 7m

> **William Ruger** @Wi lRuger
> What "isolation sm" before 9/11???
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> n decade prior Persian Gu f War, troops in Soma a/B ack Hawk Down, Balkan wars, NATO en argement, primacist grand strategy, creation,

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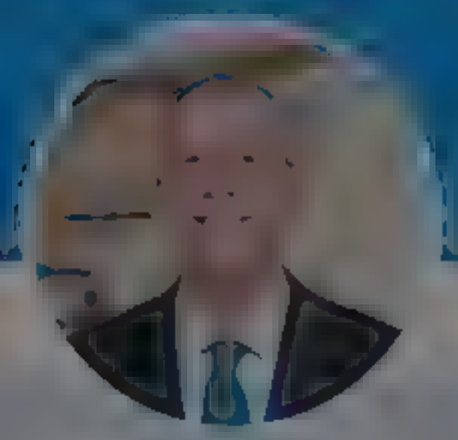
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See the original LG tweet. Amazing.

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A request from a non-NATO member who isn't even a formal ally to use military force against a NATO ally. I'm guessing this is going to the circular file in Washington.

> **Lucas Tomlinson** @LucasFoxNews
> Syrian Kurds under bombardment from Turkish jets urgently request air support from U.S. and "No fly zone" to protect civilians: SDF statement

10:25 AM · 9 Oct 2019

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Fatooshee34 @fatooshee34 · 1m
Replying to @WilliamRuger
maybe this is europe's problem to manage

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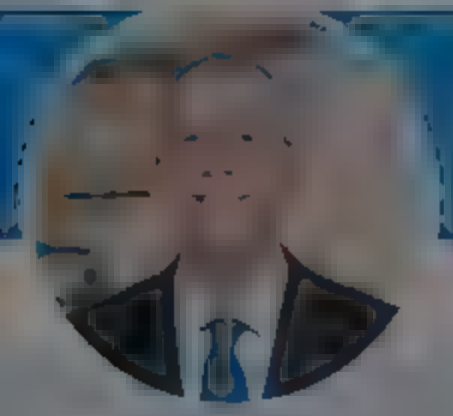
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The problematic treatment of the words "alliance" and "ally" by media & scholars is either sloppy or motivated-malpractice. It doesn't reflect well on users either way. One can believe in a policy (such as protection of Kurds) w/out mislabeling status of political relationship.

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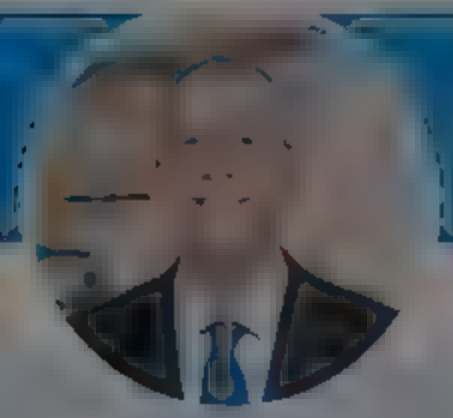
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Jason Sorens @_asonSorens · 9h

Apart from the badassery aspect of this story, it shows again how similar the antebel um South was to a totalitar an soc ety f you expressed the wrong v ews on slavery, your bus ness, home, and life were at the mercy of the mob

Randbrick @HitherToFore

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That guy was a total badass!

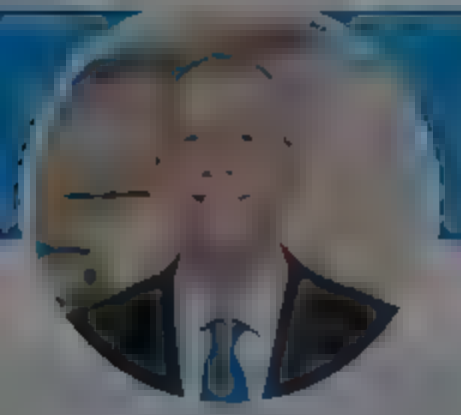
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So woke.

> **Keith Ellison** @ke the son
> Haircuts for women cost more than those for men Also health care, car repairs, etc. That's rea ity for the awesome @AOC and every other woman It's mora ly wrong and it threatens the econom c security of women and everyone who depends on her income. It's the "pink tax"

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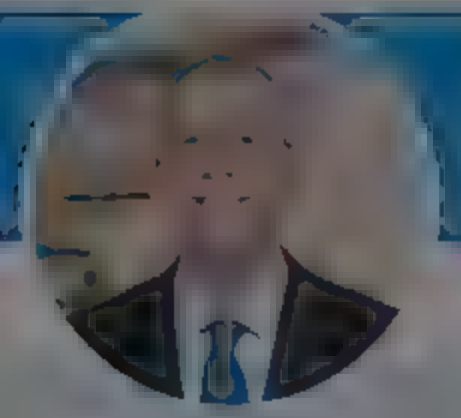
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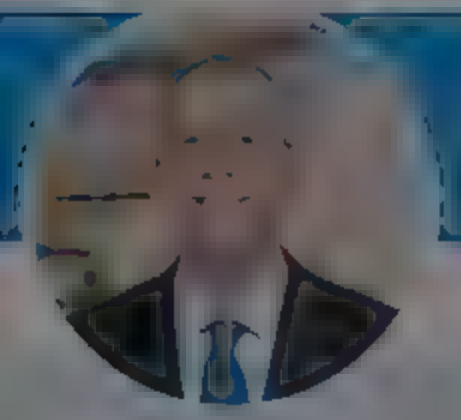
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They'd be even safer back here in the U.S. of A, @marcorubio. And America's safety doesn't require them to be in either country. Time for greater realism and restraint in U.S. foreign policy! #realism #Syria #MarcoRubio #Trump

> **Marco Rubio** @marcorubio
> The rationale & justification used by many for decision to withdraw small contingent of U.S. troops from #Syria was that it was time to bring them home
>
> But they aren't coming home. They are being relocated to western #Iraq...

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Daniel Bessner @dbessner 9h
And for you theory heads, this is where I depart with rea ists, whose op nions on necessity of war are MO as ideal st as the most starry-eyed wor d statist

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Explain in more detail for this realist.

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Rea ism as deve.oped in the postwar US where I would argue it tru y deve oped (trac ng it back to Machiavel i or Thucydides was a cho ce made to give a new strand of thought an anc ent pedigree)—is based on the notion that war is inevitable and a permanent feature of ...

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... IR. It also assumes larger pol tica units are impossib e even though th s has been the trend for all human h story. Fina ly, these bel efs emerge from the US mi lenarianism that is such a component part of US cu ture (hence the categorica statements).

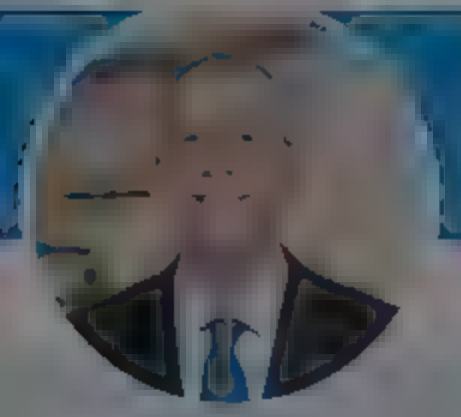
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William Gilbert @SocDem Wi l am 7h
So fascinating to see what I've learned in Pol Sci manifest itself in a twitter argument

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Important point by @David_Boaz. We used to use "buggy whip makers" as the example - but this is much better for Gen X audiences and above. We'll be using taxi cab and Uber drivers for Millennials and Gen Z once we reap the great benefits of automated cars.

> **David Boaz** @Dav d Boaz
> 'll bet this Democratic congress onal cand date considers himself "pro science" and "part of the rea ty-based commun ty." Yet his understanding of economics s pre-1776. twitter.com/B evins2020/st...

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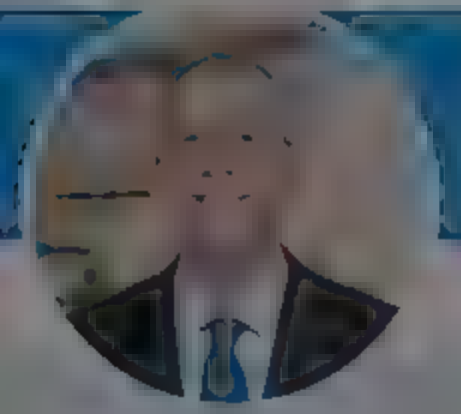
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Bunting like that is not a good move to maximize run chances.

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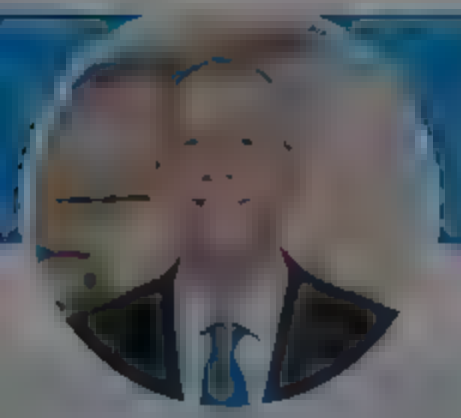
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Ooh, almost forgot an Oxford comma in a document I'm writing. Can't let that error go uncorrected. #oxfordcomma

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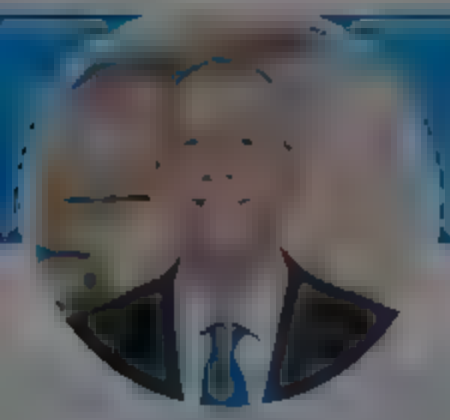
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Indeed. As I similarly noted here: twitter.com/willruger/stat …

> **Dan Caldwell** @dandcaldwell
> And regardless of whether or not we should have known better, I don't think a lot of us 18 year and 19 year olds in 2003-2007 were signing up to do social engineering in the ME. Most of us followed orders and did it but at same time don't believe it worked and made us safer. 2/2
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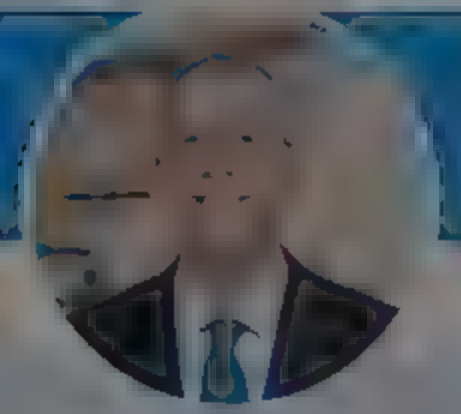
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Aren't critics of the NYT vets story missing the most important point that veterans are in favor of and motivated by the idea that we ought to end endless wars? Trump's commitment to actually doing so isn't most critical aspect of story. @BH_Friedman @dburbach @dandcaldwell

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David Burbach @dburbach · 24m

Replying to @WilliamRuger @BH_Friedman @dandcaldwell

They are no more in favor of it than anyone else, so I'm not sure what's such a big deal about that. And what do you mean they are "motivated" by it -- motivated to do what, and what evidence for that inference?

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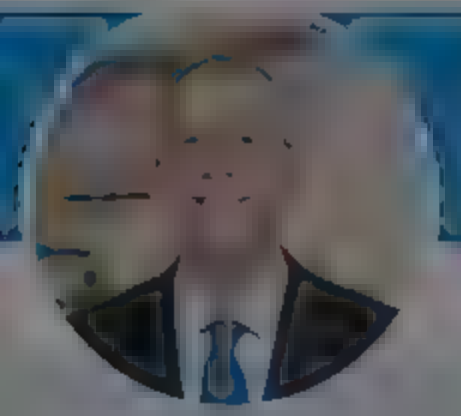
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@votevets and @Concernedvets partnership and efforts, including joint Hill meetings and ad campaigns. And they've found a lot of traction with activists. Plus I've seen other polling suggesting vet restraint and there are new groups like @TroopsHomeUS, etc

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David Burbach @dburbach · 30m

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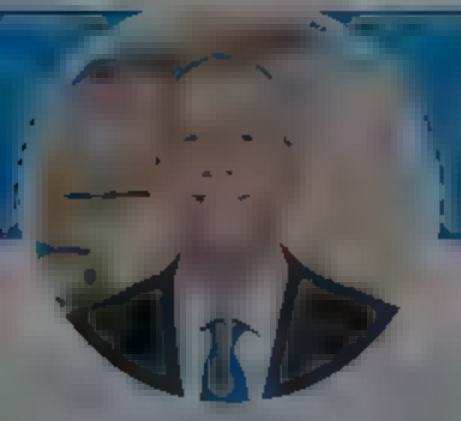
Ben Friedman @BH_Friedman · 4m

Replying to @WilRuger @dburbach and 4 others

I guess a good story about vet anti war activism and shifting opinion on war got obscured by a bad thesis about vet support for Trump. Maybe the editors.

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Yes, @jimgolby is correct, we have a system of dual civilian control of the military (with all the positives and negatives, especially the problem of divided principles working with a post-Goldwater-Nichols more unified agent).

> **Jim Golby** @ mgo by
> No, he cou dn't An order not to testify when Congress subpoenas a mi itary officer s ncontrovertibly an il egal order
>
> The President is not the only civi lan n civil an control twitter.com/drj oyner/stat

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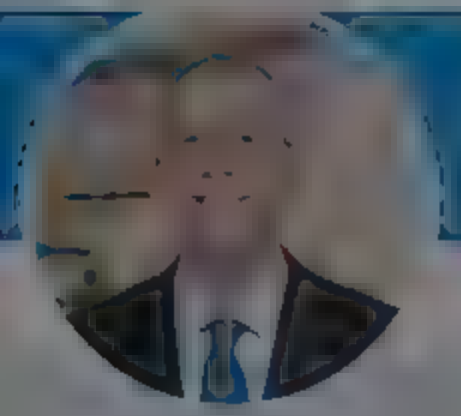
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2/ Series wouldn't have the flavor of anti-U.S. revisionism that plagues some historical treatments. But an honest and learning-aimed set of examinations of where we went wrong, how, why etc that took seriously the trade-offs and arguments of the people who made those errors.

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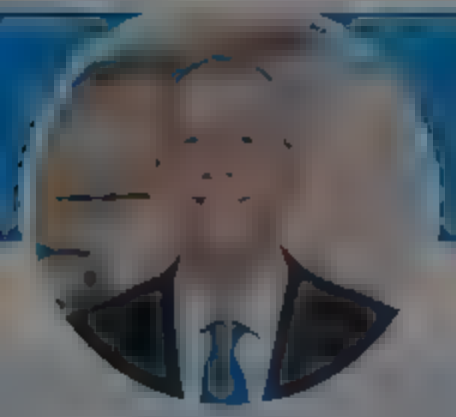
Spot on, brilliant! I want to be the series co-editor! 18th - 21st centuries or narrower? Happy to try and host scoping session up here in Western Mass!

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Extra: Let's start with these topics:

Iraq 2003
Spanish-American-Cuban-Philippine War 1898
Libya
Iran 1953

And maybe even delve into more controversial ones like U.S. entry into World War I or War of 1812 (and at least see the case one might make).

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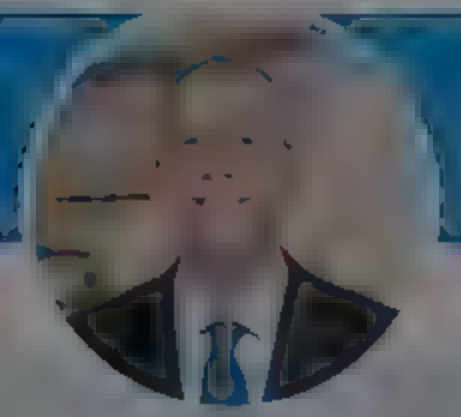
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.@GE_Appliances What's up with the paint (severely) peeling off the inside of my #generalelectric microwave? I'd like to buy new @generalelectric one but not sure that is wise given this experience.

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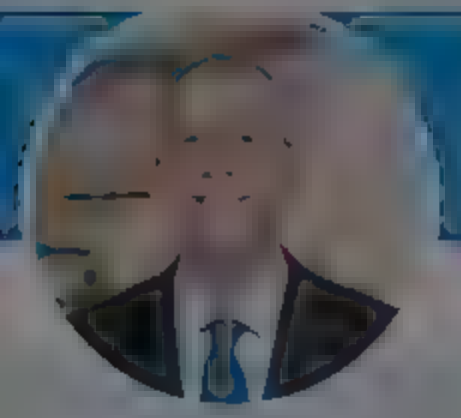
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Agree. Must-watch here on Veterans Day.

Dan Caldwell @dancca dwe
Very powerfu video in @nytopinion today of veterans who served in Afghanistan talking about the need to bring our troops home from that unend ng conflict:

nytimes.com/video/op n on/.

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Stephen Wertheim @stephenwerthe m · 16m

I imagine @ze th storiker would reply that you re right but that h s research shows the troub ing uses to wh ch economic freedom ind ces have been put but perhaps @zeith stor ker w l we gh in himse.f..,

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Replying to @stephenwertheim @zeithistor ker

@JasonSorens & I think it is important to conceive of freedom holistically to include personal freedom since econ freedom is important but incomplete aspect of full human freedom. I think we were 1st to do so. But doing econ alone is legit as long as qualified as to what measured

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Replying to @WilRuger @stephenwertheim and 2 others

As for how the indices have been used, I'm a l ears. Would be curious myse f

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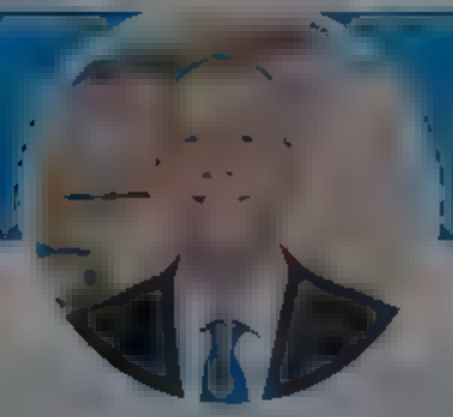
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NH ranks #1 nationally for it's sales tax climate. One more reason the #NHEconomy is booming

taxfoundation.org/best-worst-sal…

#nhpolitics

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Replying to @GregMooreNH

Now do property taxes.....(and yes I know NH has an overall tax burden advantage). But that is kinda my point here. Look at overall tax burden more than type of tax.

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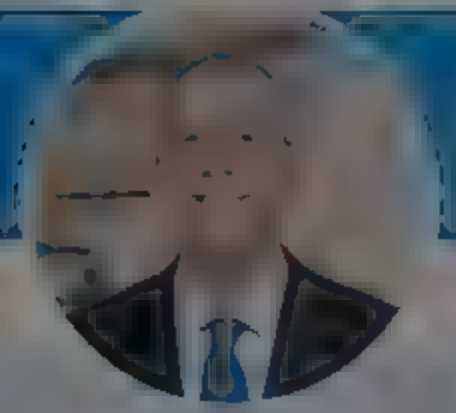
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What company wouldn't want this guy on its board?

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Damon Linker @Damon nker 14m

Good po nt But what's with an artic e w th two g ar ng typos n its lede?

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Replying to @DamonLinker

Indeed!

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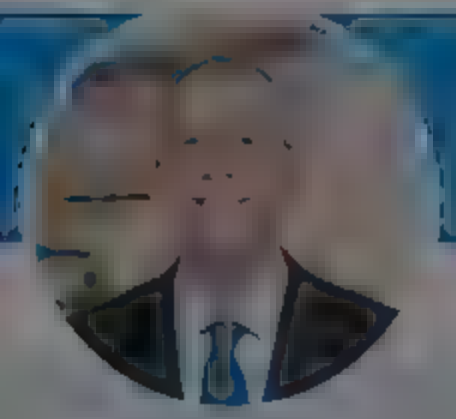
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Wish our diplomats talked more like this and less like preachers.

> **Gérard Araud** @GerardAraud
> Foreign policy is defending national interests on the basis of the balance of power. In each situation, the analysis of this balance defines what is possible and what is not, what is empty rhetoric and what is modest achievement.

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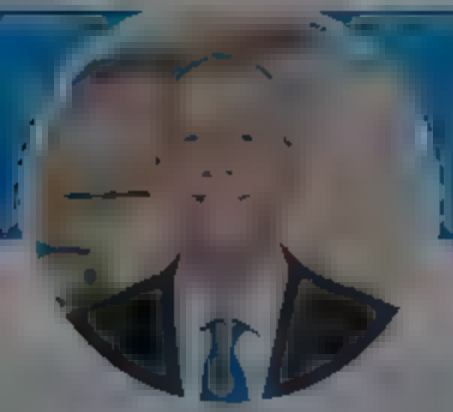
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I will sleep so much easier tonight given the additional security this provides the US. #nomoreenlargement

> **Secretary Pompeo** @SecPompeo
> Pleased to announce the United States depos ted its ratification of North Macedonia s @NATO Access on Protocol. One step closer to we coming #NorthMacedonia as NATO's 30th Al y! #WeAreNATO, and we are #Al iedStrong.

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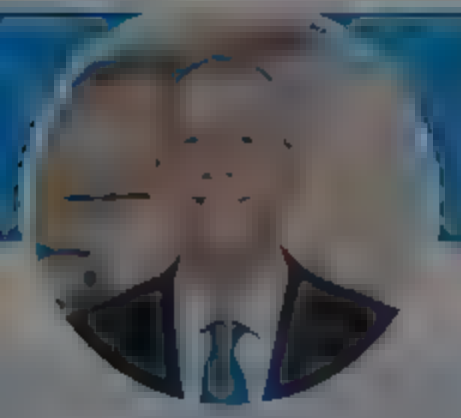
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Glad people are excited about @QuincyInst as new voice for restraint. Important that we also promote/support other new/existing institutions working to end endless wars & advance realism and restraint. Will take robust community of restrainers across key institutions of society.

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@EGFound, @defpriorities, @Cato_Institute, @jqas, @votevets, @ConcernedVets, @CFTN_, @TroopsHomeUS, @amconmag just to name a few. Not to mention important initiatives at broader orgs like @ChicagoCouncil that add to a healthy marketplace of ideas

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Ben Denison @DenisonBe · 4m

Replying to @W_Ruger @QuincyInst

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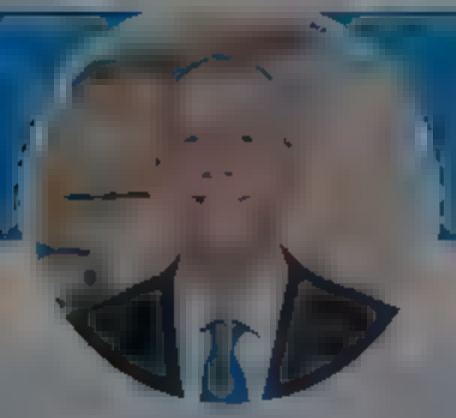
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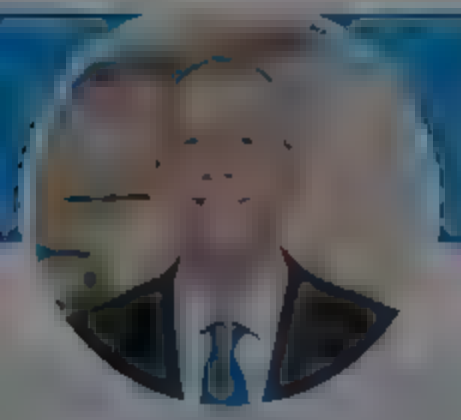
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"Their (Ukraine's) defense is our defense." Absurd claim by Rep. Adam Schiff just now. Deep engagement in Ukraine-Russia conflicts would actually make us less safe. We can want good things for Ukraine without making bad geopolitical arguments.

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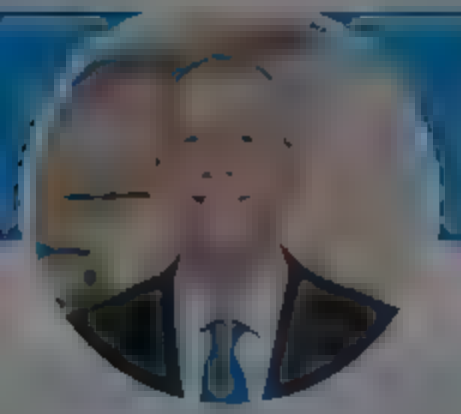
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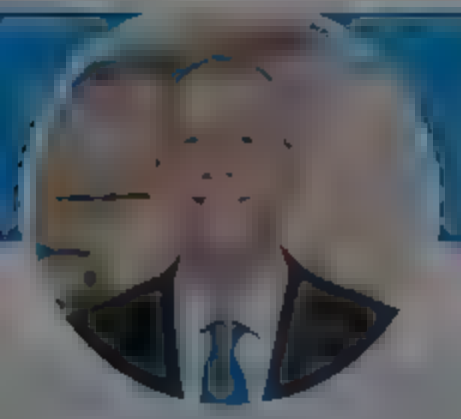
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Grievance 5: Saudi Arabia. Enough said.
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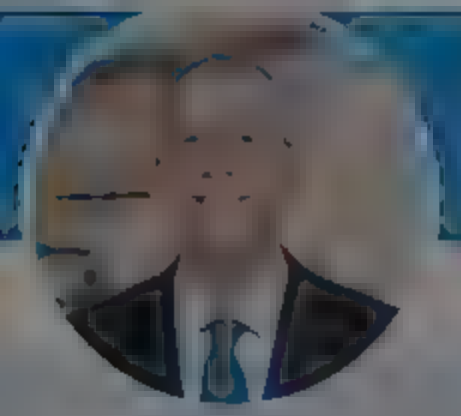
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Could bring back Don Cherry as coach

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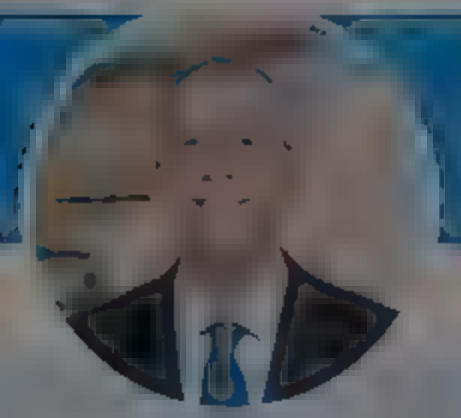
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When Frosty the Snowman melts in the 1969 cartoon, should we then call him Aquaman?

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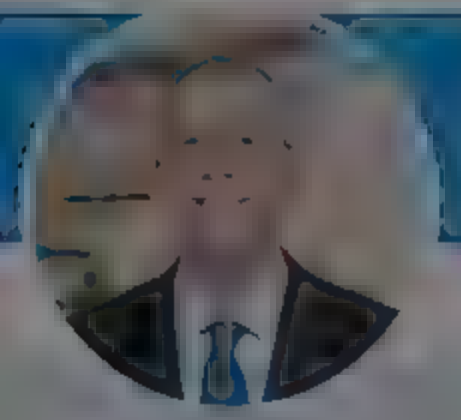
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Why didn't Yukon Cornelius use his gun against the Bumble? If the Bumble didn't bounce, he would have paid for his restraint with his life!

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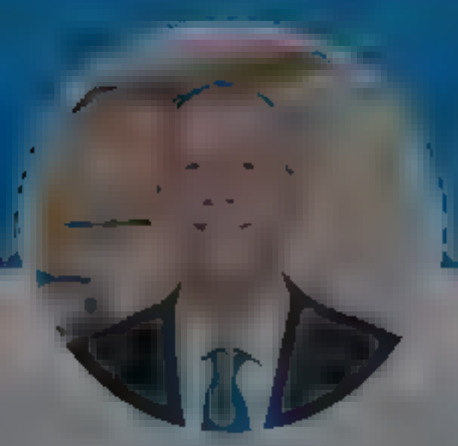
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(((Steve Chapman))) @SteveChapman · 14m

Sell Th nk how much they'l enjoy find ng it in a used book store and nursing a life ong gr dge against you.

> **Jack Shafer** @_jackshafer
> When ca ling your l brary, is it okay to sel books by your friends that you bought that were nscribed by them? Rip out the page before sel ng? Or ust throw out?
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Replying to @SteveChapman1

Why would anyone "cull" a book written by a true friend and personally inscribed? Or heck, even a close acquaintance or colleague? Would never enter my mind.

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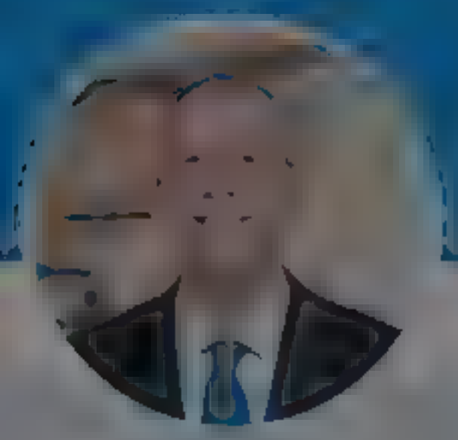
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I was #neverRubio in 2015/16. Applies to this job too.

Josh Rogin @joshrogin
Several offic als are n the contest to succeed Pompeo as Secretary of State, If he runs for Senate Robert O Br en, Steve Mnuchin, Ric Grenel , Steve B egun, Br an Hook, Marco Rubio, Tom Cotton Trump is already search ng for his next secretary of state washingtonpost.com/opinions/g oba...
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policy goals, especially ending endless wars? Want to guarantee neocon influence? Name some of these guys, especially Cotton, Rubio, & Hook

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Andrew Krampus @ARKloster · 21m

There's a real problem with a lack of a farm team, coupled (more importantly) with a POTUS that cares less about loyalty and more about paper qualms (which is almost a guarantee of deep state chops).

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · 16m

Big chicken & egg problem. Need restrainers to get relevant experience for senior jobs but need to be selected to get relevant experience. And w/out senior folks or WH to help them get on ladder, they'll always be said to lack relevant experience. Going to be long run project.

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Replying to @WilliamRuger @ARKloster @realDonaldTrump

@realDonaldTrump admin members friendly to restraint should try to use last year or next 5 to credential junior folks for the long term fight if they want to leave a real legacy in foreign policy while getting short-run help with presidential initiatives like ending endless wars.

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Best non-tourist food in NOLA but tourists have discovered, of course. And then Maple Leaf afterwards, and then Snake and Jake's after after

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William Ruger @WilRuger Dec 28

If you can see Rebirth Brass Band while there, make the time. Got into them in 2000 before they became more famous bc of Treme. They are great.

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William Ruger @WilRuger Dec 28

Eggplant pirogue is still on the menu. You win.

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William Ruger @WilRuger Dec 28

You should also get a cocktail here, especially if you are with a significant other

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Dan Caldwell @dandcaldwell Dec 28

Look why go through the stress of looking for new restuarants in new cities when you can just find the nearest @Applebees, @Maggianos, or @Chilis. The respective menus are perfection. I don't even know why people bother to open new restuarants these days.

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Replying to @dandcaldwell @DanDePetris and 3 others

As good a tweet as that (non)call just made in the LSU-Oklahoma game.

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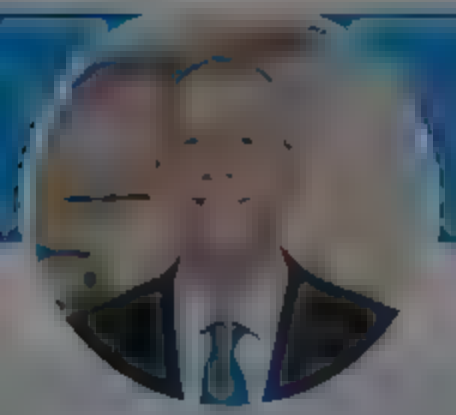
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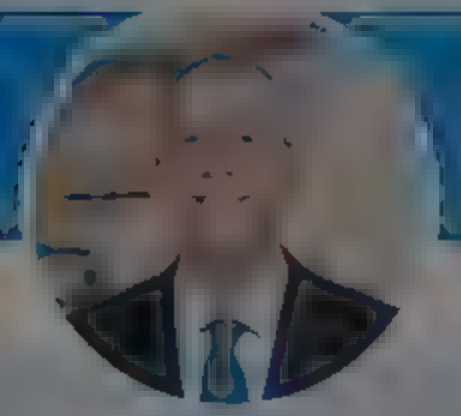
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Apropos of all the sporting events taking place this week, one policy area that has seen marked improvement for individual freedom is sports betting. 20 states have now legalized. Only a few years ago, you basically had to go to NV or engage in illegal activity to bet on sports.

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · Dec 31

I'm not a gambler myself (and find slot machines and other casino games as pretty dumb ways to spend money), but people ought to be free to do it.

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Reid Tillman Smith @reidsmith · Dec 31

Replying to @WilliamRuger

Now we just need to pay "student athletes" for the labor and dispatch with the pretense of amateurism altogether!

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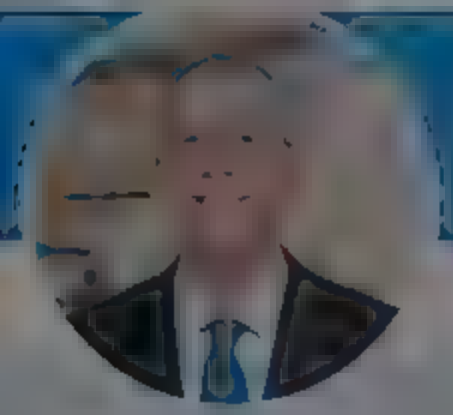
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This tweet aged well, much to chagrin of my Buckeye-rooting wife. (16-0 Ohio State at the time).

> **William Ruger** @WIlRuger
> Prediction, Oh o State wi.l regret three poor red zone resu ts.

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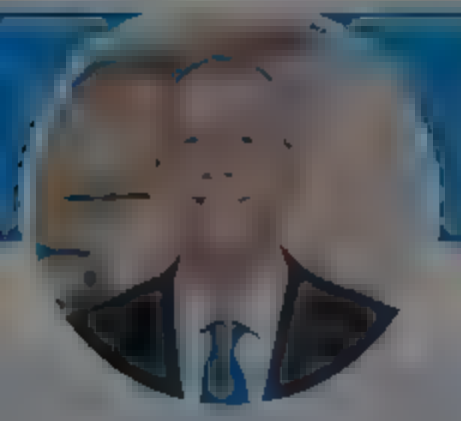
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William Ruger @WilRuger · 31 Dec 2019

Those who want to see focus on "great power competition" (read China) should be pushing to ratchet down tensions in Middle East w/ Iran/Iraq and find off-ramp for "maximum pressure campaign." Otherwise, we'll have another costly & unnecessary distraction from point of the NSS

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Replying to @CaptPeteMGF

Don't need boots on ground to do so. And our "stability" efforts actually subsidize Chinese consumption since they aren't cost-free even when they don't backfire. And costs borne by US taxpayers not Chinese. See Robert Gilpin on costs to hegemonic actors.

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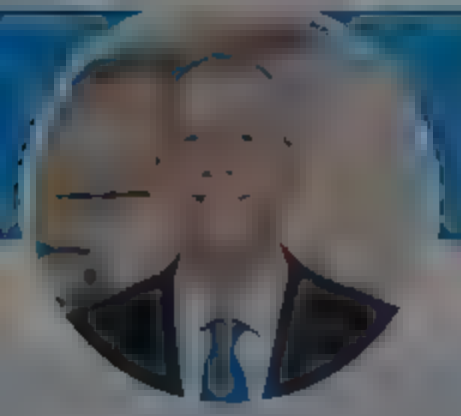
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Do gun control advocates think that Texas church shooting would have turned out better or prevented in first place w/ stricter gun control? Or are they they just relying on trade-offs argument that this would have turned out worse but far more other situations would be better?

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LenaNoel @brewsterdenman · Jan 2
Replying to @WilliamRuger
I'm not in the gun control camp, but I see it as a barter that mass shootings in schools will decrease with the elimination of guns. Not every school has a marksman expert.

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · Jan 2
How do you "eliminate" 300 million + guns in private hands in America?

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Edward Chang @EdwardChang8 · Jan 1
Replying to @WilliamRuger
They're not making any arguments. For them, guns—evil, end of story. Any use of a firearm is unjustifiable in their eyes.

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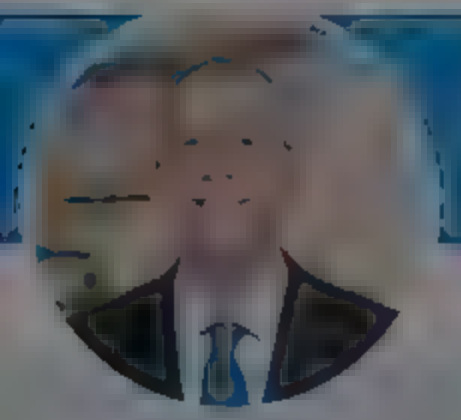
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Unexpected source but happy to see.

> **David French** @DavidAFrench
> As night wears on - and if this good news holds - there is a strong need for U.S. restraint. A missile strike from Iran is serious, but the small size of the attack looks more like saving face than an attempt at serious escalation. Press pause. twitter.com/LucasFoxNews/s...

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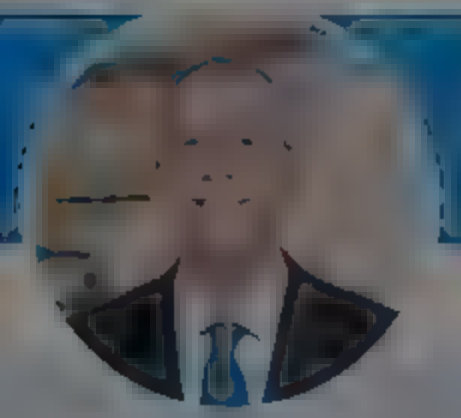
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badgerfsl @badgerfs[redacted] an 7

[redacted] was just going to give you a follow. we need more strategic discussions. Until you advocated more people listen to Matt Goetz... You went from smart guy to dumb ass in an instant

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Replying to [redacted]

Check out his work with Ro Khanna before you give up on him! (And me!)

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William Ruger @W l Ruger Jan 4
Belichick own worst enemy th s season. No punt returner at end? Henry crushing you & you don't go for it 4th and 6 w/ 3 mins eft? Slow to make defensive changes n 1at half. Comp ete lack of urgency last week. Other than Ede man, no offensive help for Brady except 2 prob ems.

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Reid Tillman Smith @reidtsm th Jan 4
Sorry you d dn't win the Super Bowl ke always.

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New England hasn't held at least 2/4 major sports titles since 2018/19. Bruins no championship since 2011 and Celts all the way back to 2008. Drought!

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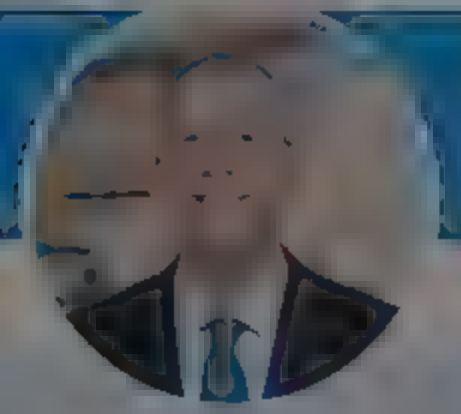
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Mark David Hall @MDH GFU 31 Dec 2019
The mi itary is a somewhat unique context, but in genera the question shou d be "does the state have a compel ing interest to keep someone from acting on h.s or her re·igious convictions."

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William Ruger @W Ruger 31 Dec 2019
Yes, and I th nk the answer is "yes, because of the gas mask seal or hyg ene" or "no, and because no, we should let everyone wear them."

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Or perhaps mi itary personel n a position to need gas masks can t have fac al hair, but if such a need s highly unl ke y (e g. almost any facil ty in the United States) fac al ha r is perm tted.

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I can live with that. I'd also allow for shipboard service.

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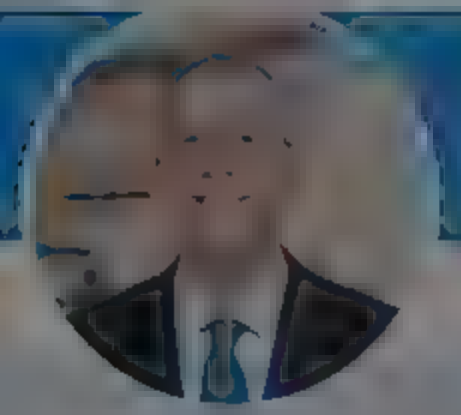
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This could get overlooked amidst the Iraq/Iran news:

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Chris Fountain · Jan 6

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But I was assured by @SecPompeo that the world would be a safer place now?

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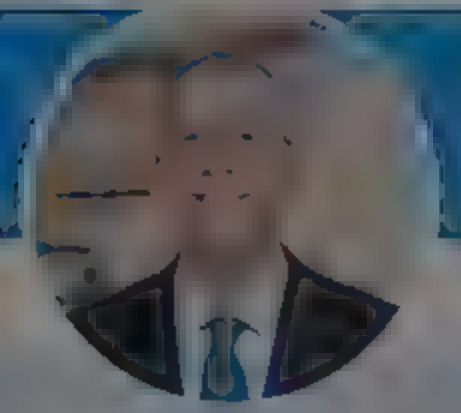
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William Ruger @WilRuger · 6h
Not job of US president to win popularity contest abroad ...

> **Jim Lobe** @LobeLog
> These percentages are lower even than George W. Bush's at his lowest point in the Pew Global Attitudes pol... twitter.com/conradhackett/...

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Jim Lobe @LobeLog · 5h
No, but popular disapproval abroad can negatively affect a range of national interests, including nat'l security. After all, signers of Declaration of Independence felt it important to show "a decent respect for the opinions of mankind."

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2/2 and of course I'm arguing in theory not necessarily in the current case.

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Theoretically, you're absolutely right if my recall of my Constitutional Law class serves.

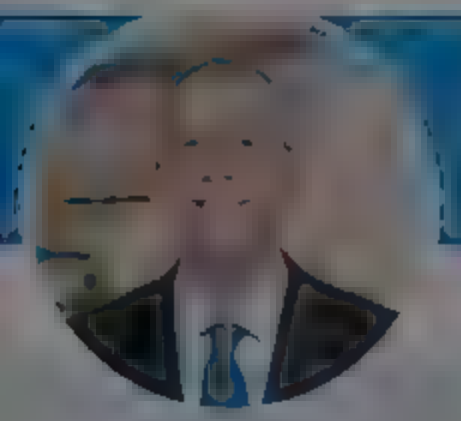
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Let's not forgot we are still involved in an "endless war" in Afghanistan. Time to get out @realDonaldTrump

> **Courtney Kube** @CourtneyKube
> Two U.S. service members were killed & two were wounded in action today when their vehicle struck an IED in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. They were conducting operations as part of NATO's Resolute Support Mission, according to the spox in Kabul. @ResoluteSupport @CENTCOM

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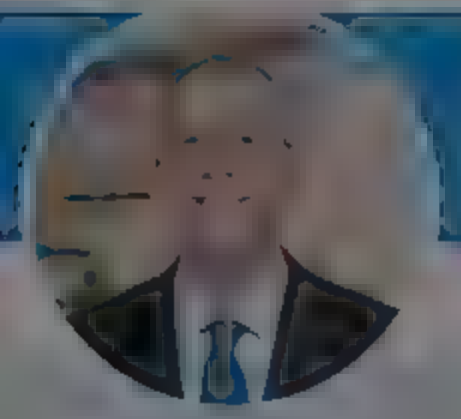
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Always good to know price tags of policy options. Now do Iran War.....

6:58 PM · 14 Jan 2020

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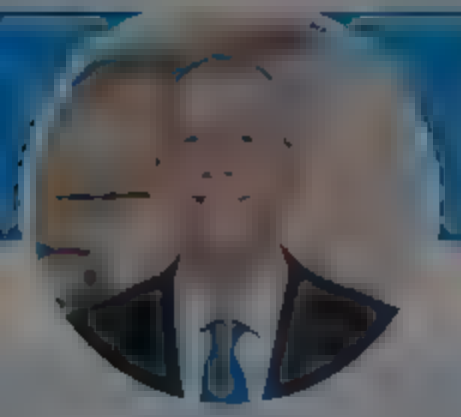
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While the #Bruins need to acquire a top 6 winger to add scoring depth, I'd also like them to add an enforcer since too many teams take liberties against them. #toosoft @NHLBruins #NHLBruins #hockey

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The Coffey Still @W... go Bragh · 2h

Replying to @W... R... @NHLB...

Hockey's awesome

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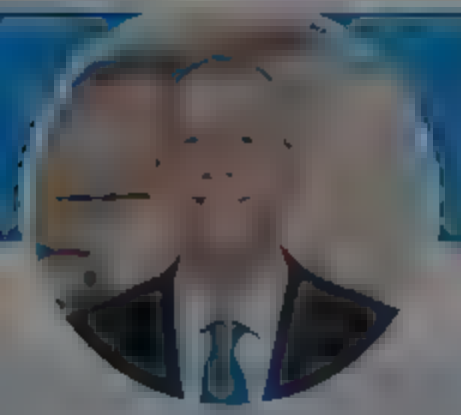
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Yes, gotta give it to @BarackObama for opposing Iraq War. But if only he had pushed back against Libya war and Afghanistan surge.

6:12 PM · 14 Jan 2020

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James Griffin @spawnofKahn · Jan 15
Replying to @WilRuger @BarackObama
Wel . techn ca ly he opposed both rather vociferously But he was overru ed by operationa. ex gencies on the ground

n Libya, the French and Brits were dropp ng the bal on crush ng Qaddafi's m litary (wh ch was their idea).

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James Griffin @spawnofKahn · Jan 15
Apart from r sking a catastrophic embarrassment for NATO, if their operations fa led there's a good chance Qaddafi wou d've recovered (Libya's rebel groups have never been competent). If he'd recovered, there's a good chance that he wou d've plunged Libya into another...

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fabdp @faodp · Jan 14
Replying to @W Ruger @BarackObama
He won Nobe prize

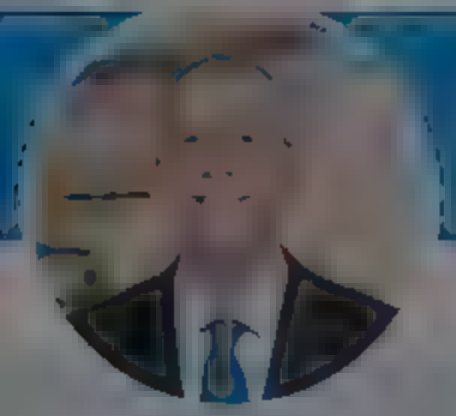
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Not job of US president to win popularity contest abroad....

> **Jim Lobe** @LobeLog
> These percentages are lower even than George W. Bush's at his lowest point in the Pew Global Attitudes poll twitter.com/conradhackett/...

8:50 PM · 14 Jan 2020

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Jim Lobe @LobeLog · Jan 14

Replying to @WilRuger

No, but popular disapproval abroad can negatively affect a range of national interests, including nat'l security. After all, signers of Declaration of Independence felt it important to show " a decent respect for the opinions of mankind "

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Most folks I knew were not supportive of the Iraq War & did not be ieve Mr Bush or Mr Cheney's assertions about WMD Meanwh le, Tucker couldn t cal out Mr Trump by name he ma nly b amed folks like Bo ton, as if POTJS were just being given bad advice

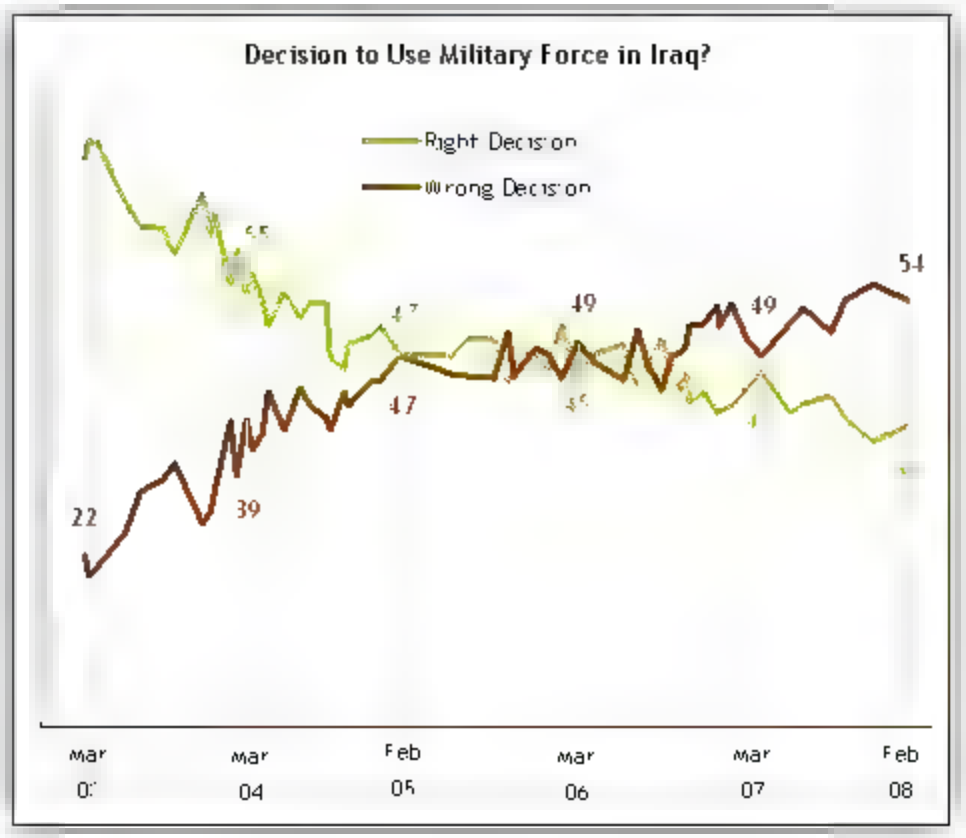
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Majority of public supported (see below from Pew). Elites were even more supportive, including Congress (77/100 Senators voted yes including Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, and John Kerry). Foreign policy experts like Fareed Zakaria also supported. Very few actively opposed. I did.



8:17 AM · 11 Jan 2020

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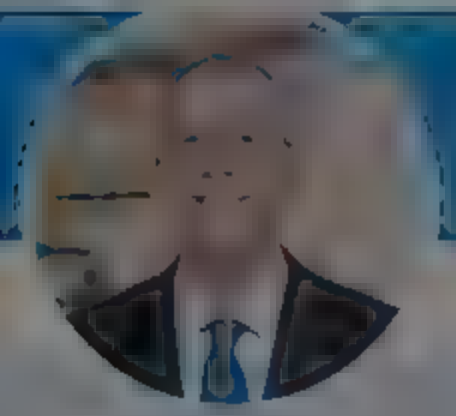
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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetris · 3h

Quite an interesting response from my informal Twitter poll yesterday. The question was "who was the worst Secretary of State in U.S. history." A lot of choices out there, but the names Henry Kissinger and Mike Pompeo came up a lot (Seward was a distant third).

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Replying to @DanDePetris

Seward on worst list is ridiculous, frankly. Kissinger is a mixed bag but world historic for his China work.

10:18 AM · 20 Jan 2020

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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetris · 2h

Replying to @WilRuger

The number of times Kissinger came up was pretty surprising. I know he's controversial for all the obvious reasons, but I didn't expect his name to be so far up the list.

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 2h

Maybe b/c most well known today

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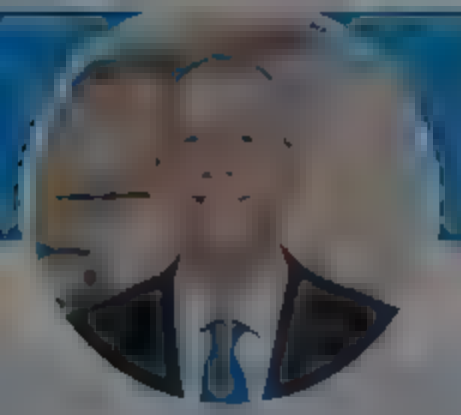
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The X number of people have more wealth than Y number of people argument isn't satisfying. Recommend reading Chap. 7 of Robert Nozick's masterful book ASU. Should Wilt Chamberlain (or substitute Michael Jordan or LeBron James) have more wealth b/c created more value, justly?

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The biggest issues should be unjustly acquired wealth - from theft, cronyism, confiscation, govt-granted monopoly, etc - and whether that wealth is used to coerce others or engage in further unjust behavior.

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David Herbst @DavidRHerbst · 1m

Replying to @[redacted]ger

Everyone reads Rawls when they should be reading Nozick.

Far better moral theory in the liberal tradition IMO. With straighter lines from almost all the enlightenment thinkers

I've always thought "Fairness" justice" is so juvenile and naive a concept it boggles the mind.

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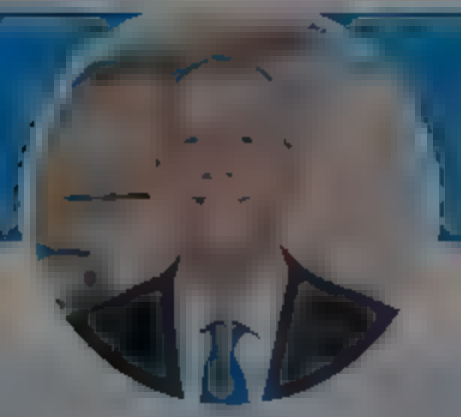
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"Congress has been mor bund willfu ly in fore gn pol cy for decades It s hearten ng to see new voices stepping up to ead for the good of our constitutiona order and the country."

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Apologies for the big photo - it came with the link!

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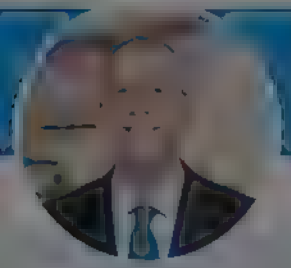
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18/ Gotta love that @ ... and ...

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19/ Wh ch is not to say that this speech is representative of Friedman or Hayek or any other free marketeer. P enty to qu bble with. But certa nly more traditional R language. Like

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William Ruger @WilRuger 27m
"A growing and vibrant market economy focused on the future lifts the human sp rit and exc tes creativity strong enough to overcome any cha lenge any cha lenge by far."

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William Ruger @WilRuger 23m
21/ And "But to embrace the possib l ties of tomorrow, we must reject the perenn al prophets of doom and their pred ctions of the apoca ypse." (OK, context matters and I know what he is talking about). But in vacuum, hey ... et al

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William Ruger @WilRuger 19m
22/ Like: "I knew that if we un eashed the potent al of our peop e, if we cut taxes, slashed regu at ons...fixed broken trade deals and fu y tapped American energy, that prosperity would come thunder ng back at a record speed " Hey Adam Sm th.Caveat: NAFTA wasn't exactly broken

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 16m
23/ and yes, this is a sing e speech, not pol cy So l m ts to what we should read in, not to mention keeping aud ences in mind But aga n, not exactly what I've been hearing from National Conservatives, at east in tone (& acknowledg ng NC is diverse, complex, and sti l forming.

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24/ That being said, plenty for classical liberals to not like and others to find solace in.

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25/ At east 1 line cou d be read charitab y as s mp e patriotism or could be read as rea ly q te scary: "a nation can thrive when its communities, its compan es, its govt, and its peop e work together for the good of the whole nat on " Oh no, echoes of B g Blue Eagle or worse

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William Ruger @WilRuger 2m
26/ But ots of attent on to h ghl ght inclusiveness of the benefits of what Trump a leges re the economy Again, that is more l beral language. Cynics won't buy its authenticity But perhaps important alone that Trump/speechwriter felt need to frame this way at ength

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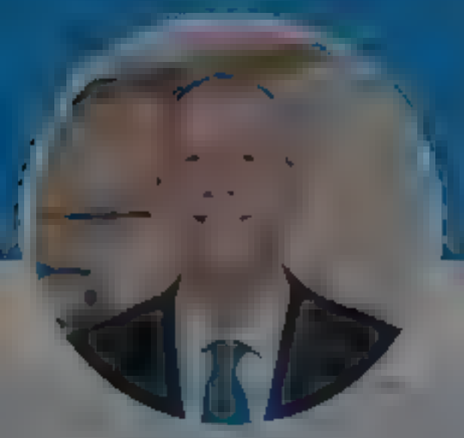
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For those who aren't interested in state and local politics (majority of people), state and local politics are interested in you. And just look what the Virginia legislature has in store for you thanks to recent elections:

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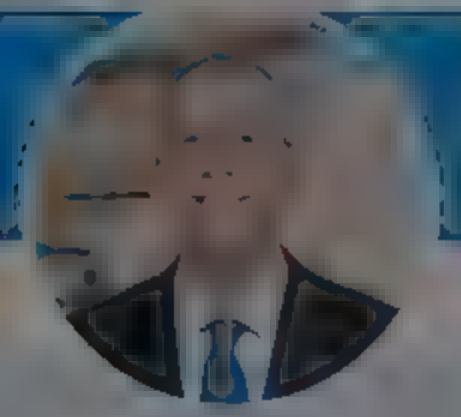
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You shou d know by now that there are on y 5 co.ntries in the world that are not US "allies": China, Russia, North Korea, Syria, and Iran ;)

> **Adam Wunische** @AdamWun sche
> Reply ng to @W l R.ger @WarOnTheRocks @defpriorit es
> And s any country with a US consu ate cons dered an "ally"?

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Damon Linker @Damon nker 46 m

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Ah, but don't we claim that the opposition is the real government? Ha!

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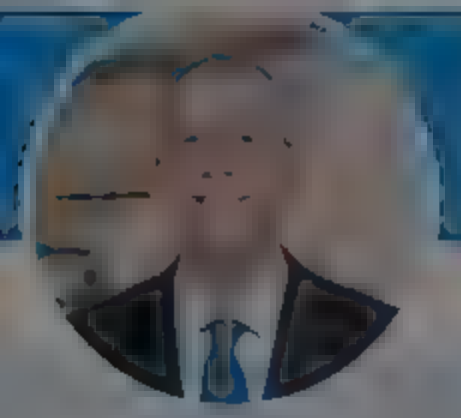
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"It's always us that has to support everyone," Trump says, before complaining that European nations weren't sharing enough of the burden.

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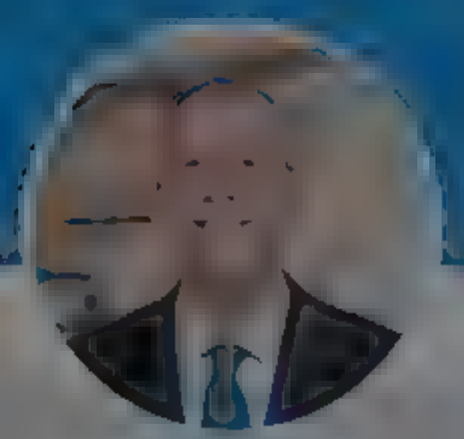
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My statement on behalf of @CKinstitute regarding recent false attacks against the rising transpartisan effort to pursue a better U.S. foreign policy:

> "Recent accusations and insinuations against the rising transpartisan effort to rethink U.S. foreign policy are absurd and grossly mischaracterize the positions we and others hold. Anti-Semitism is abhorrent, and we reject all forms of bigotry. Those of us who favor realism and restraint do so because it is the best approach to keeping Americans safe at home and abroad. Challenging the status quo is never easy, but the majority of Americans (including the majority of military veterans), the president, as well as many Democrat and Republican policymakers, know it's time to end these endless wars. We join a diverse coalition of individuals and groups pursuing a better foreign policy. And make no mistake, we will not work with bigots nor will we remain silent in the face of accusations against those who are innocent of the charge."
>
> - *Will Ruger*
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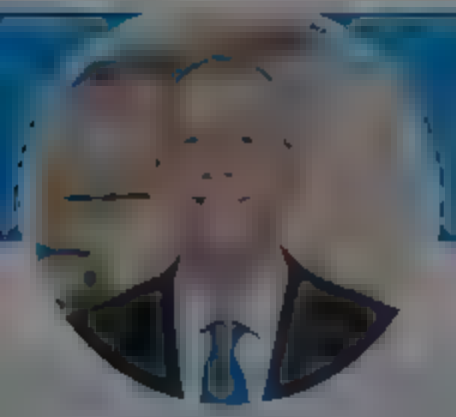
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It might be more accurate to say "We can't let Trump's advisors drag him and us into a war with Iran that Congress never intended to authorize." Regardless, this is a great move by Congress and want to thank @RepBarbaraLee for her efforts to help #StopEndlessWars! #transpartisan

> **Rep. Barbara Lee** @RepBarbaraLee
> We can't let President Trump drag us into a war with Iran that Congress never intended to authorize - that's why we're voting today on my bill to repeal the 2002 Iraq AUMF. #StopEndlessWar

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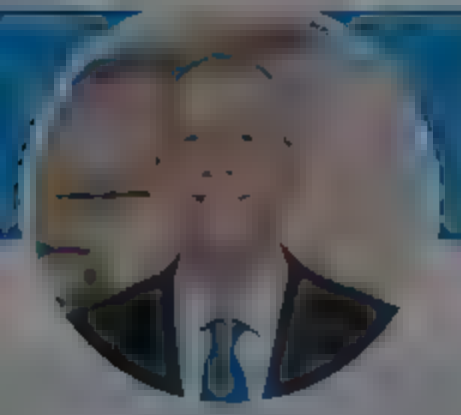
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Winning the classicist vote for best ad: @NewYorkLife. Seriously, it was a fantastic ad that didn't talk down to its audience and that referenced key parts of the good life. #Eudaimonia #SuperBowl #NewYorkLife

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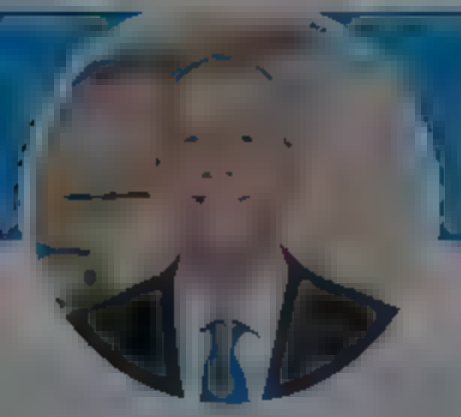
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I'm not a big Dan Shaughnessy fan but he nails it here on Betts:

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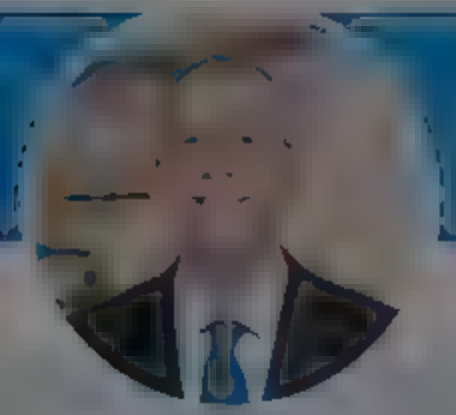
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And this Tweet is not per se a criticism of our European allies. In this case, they are being more rational and realistic about the mission than most US officials and commentators.

> **William Ruger** @WilRuger
> "Clearly many European capita s wou.dn't mind reduc ng their presence or turn ng the page on NATO's Afghanistan chapter," said Bruno Lété
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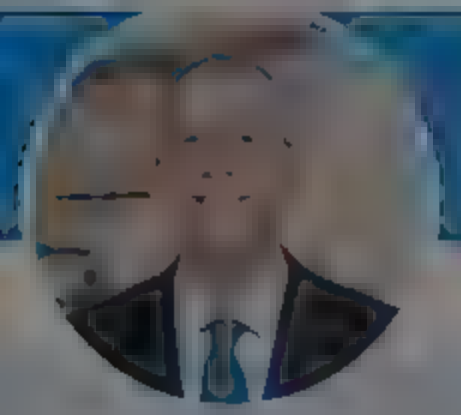
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"The alliance, which immediately backed the United States' invasion in 2001, has been a stalwart, but sometimes unreliable, part of the war effort."

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · Feb 6

"The United States has often pushed NATO to contribute more forces, and the allied countries have struggled at times to find enough people to serve in the training billets they have agreed to fill." - @Tmgneff @[redacted]

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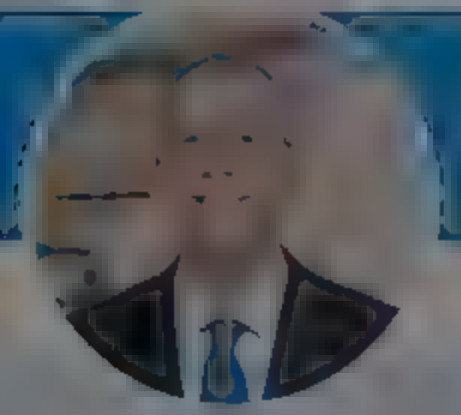
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Neil Chilson @ne l_chi son · 10h

Karaoke for the wife's b rthday tomorrow. I can't remember lyr cs, can't carry a tune in a backhoe, but am happy to make a fool of myse f on mic (as anyone who has seen me speak in pub.c can attest). What songs should I sing?

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Duet with wife singing Jackson by Cash and Carter.

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Jim Harper Jim Harper · 8h

Replying to @WilRuger @ne l

She' l stumble over "Jaypan fan," making you look good! #

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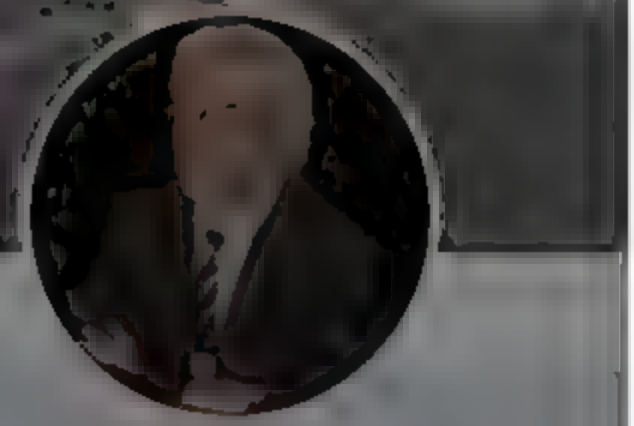
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It's about time that people realize that the war in rural Afghanistan is absolutely critical. The urban attacks are terrible and deserve attention, but the death and destruction in rural Afghanistan deserves much more attention than it receives.

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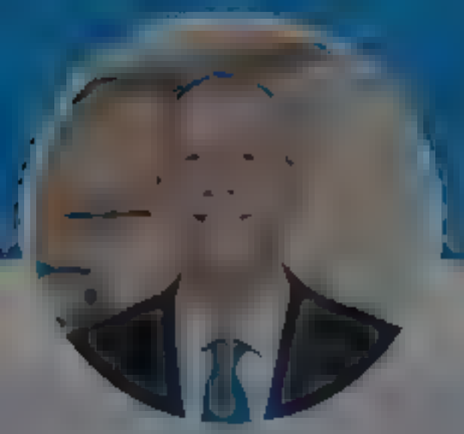
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Fersos Daruwala @goodchest4 · 7h

Replying to @ThJohnsonNPS @saadmohsen

It is cut and run for the US, giving the neighbor a free run to cause more death and destruction

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Pete thinks he can take the 3 am call (2 am in South Bend).

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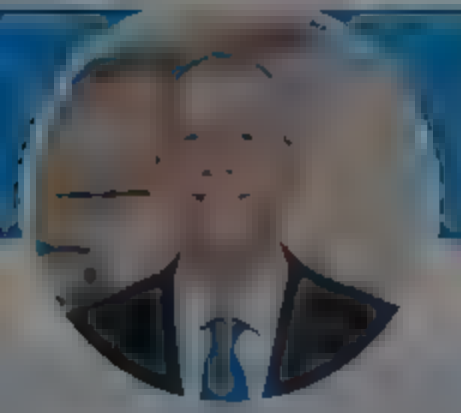
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Replying to @DanDePetris

Let's hope you spoke too soon:

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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetris · 4h

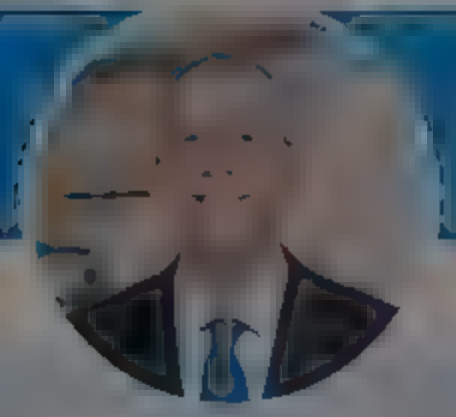
Replying to @WilRuger

I'm more than happy to be wrong on this one! But here's the thing: if an agreement is struck between the U.S. and the Taliban, 8,000 troops will still be there during the intra-Afghan negotiations. Those talks will make the U.S.-Taliban talks look like a day at the beach

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 14h

This is a smart take and we ought to be more charitable about such things, especially when we can reasonably conclude "we all know what he/she means" as the person is saying it (which is almost always the case with experts). 1/2

> **Rachael Meager** @economeager
> those of you who think that making a slip like this indicates a lack of expertise are in an impressive amount of denial about yourselves and how often you make mistakes in areas in which you have expertise
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Just recently, I was filming a show and said "post-Cold War" when I meant "post-World War" - and it isn't as if I didn't know the difference, especially given the context. Just human. 2/2

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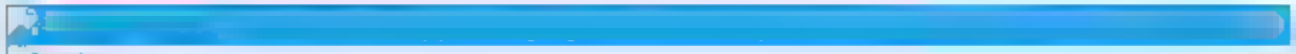
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David Pastrnak is the first player with two hat tricks vs. the Canadiens in one season since Gordie Howe in 1951-52. #NHLBruins

6:25 PM · 12 Feb 2020

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Francois Gagnon @GagnonFrancois · 5h

Replying to @EliasSports

Quel e statistique! Je suis renversé J aurais parier ma chemise sur Mario Lemieux, Jaromir Jagr, Pierre Turgeon et que ques autres. Mais on doit remonter jusqu aux grandes années de Montreal eur Hockey. Plusieurs Simonac s mpose #CH

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Thomas Nickle @ThomasNickle125 · 5h

Replying to @EliasSports @ArponBasu

Another glorious record of futility in the tenure of Marc Bergevin. He's setting the bar low for the next GM. Which is quintessential Bergevin

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Sarah Rogers @hockeychick111 · 2h

Replying to @EliasSports @AlHabs

Thank you Drouin and Petry, who assisted on two of Pastrnak's goals

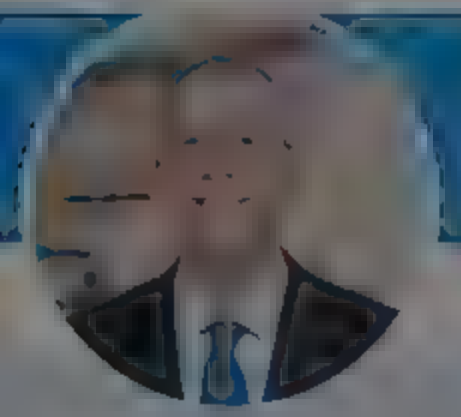
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I'm no Panglossian about the world around us and certainly no advocate of consumerism, but this is a neat finding: "There are 50 times as many products at a grocery store than 80 years ago, according to the economist James Bessen."

4:47 AM · Feb 2020

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Matthew Ladner @matthewladner · 48m

Replying to @WilliamRuger

American shoppers befuddled by variety and low prices, Price is Right scores plummet, rains of frogs and locusts to follow...

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The marketplace of ideas needs some new merchandise. This should help.

12:22 PM · 1 Feb 2020

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Windbreaker (not a jacket) @SWms52 · 2h

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Koch's shopworn influence in that "marketplace" is exactly why it needs new

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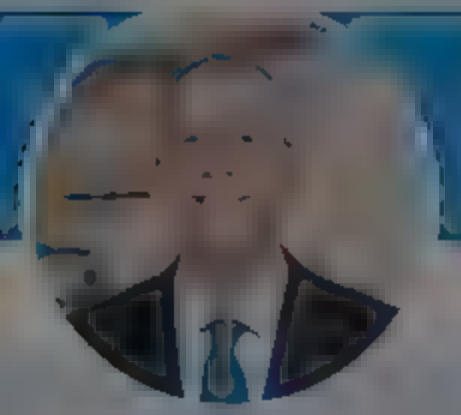
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Quoted in here on the Senate vote. Good story - though I said something more like, "republican, er, & democratic institutions..." rather than R & D. My bad for not specifying was saying small-r/d & confusing by saying small-r first and then changing to d.

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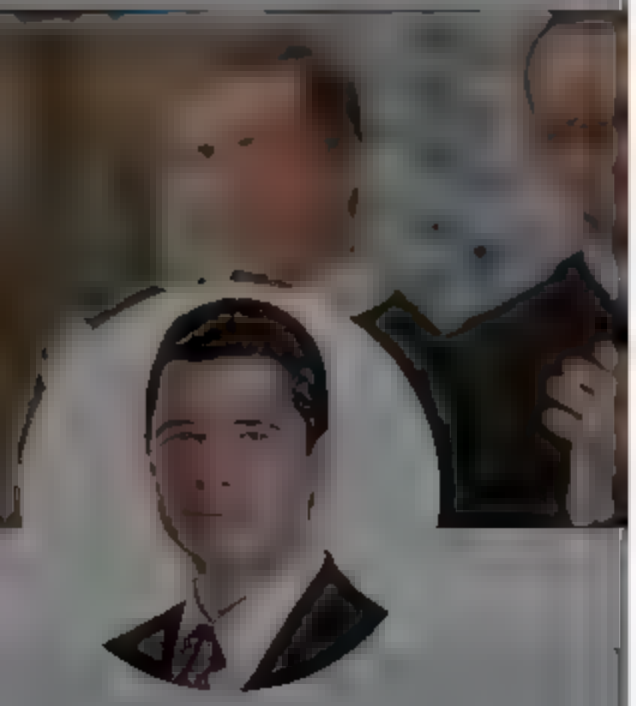
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Over one million members of our Reserve and National Guard have been activated to defend our nation since 9/11. May God bless the families of the nearly 1,300 Reserve and National Guard members who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

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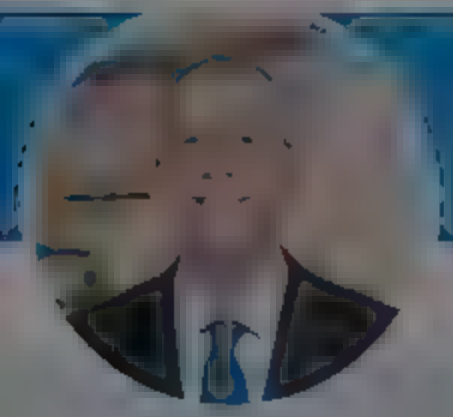
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No doubt @MirandaPriebe is going to build a great new center. I can't wait to see world-class outputs from it!!

> **Miranda Priebe** @M randaPr ebe
> Very excited to announce that I l be heading up @RANDCorporation's new Center for Ana ysis of U.S. Grand Strategy
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groom ng standards, then for sake of treating people equally, shouldn't every airman be allowed to have a beard?

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Brian Clark @ma nag ngh .tory · 7 m

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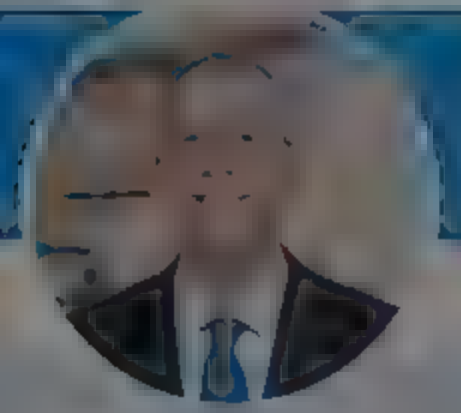
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benefit and (rightly) call out president for a broken promise. Don't see how this will satisfy anyone but the forever war crowd. 1/2

> **Akbar Shahid Ahmed** @AkbarSAhmed
> Trump aides hope to sign an Afghanistan peace deal by the end of the month that envisions, through secret agreements with the Taliban, "a long-term counterterrorism force numbering 8,600 US troops, down from the current 13,000." @KimDozier

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 16m
Hopefully this is not true or will be rejected ultimately by the president. 2/2

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Furthermore, there will be a massive temptation to expand the footprint of events there turn for the worse in intra-Afghan talks or for the future of GIRoA. 3/2, ha!

[illegible] AM · 14 Feb 2020

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 10m
And this doesn't even take into account the TB side. Here is a key sentence: "The Taliban rank and file will expect to see all American troops packing up and leaving, but it will become apparent by year's end that U.S. forces are not going down to zero." THEN WHAT HAPPENS? Hmm.

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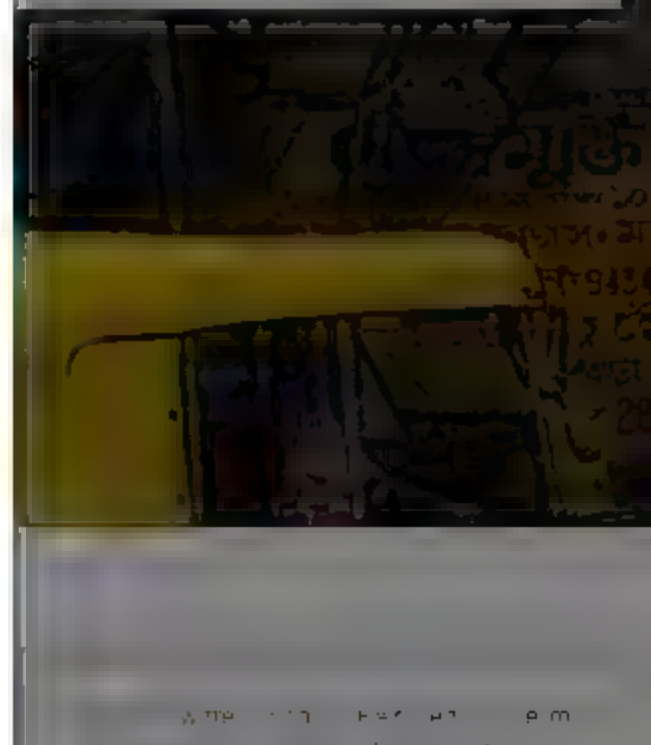
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The Taliban attacked an outpost on the outskirts of Kunduz city — along the Kunduz-Baghlan highway — before dawn today, killing at least 12 Afghan soldiers, according to local officials in Kunduz. @NajimRah

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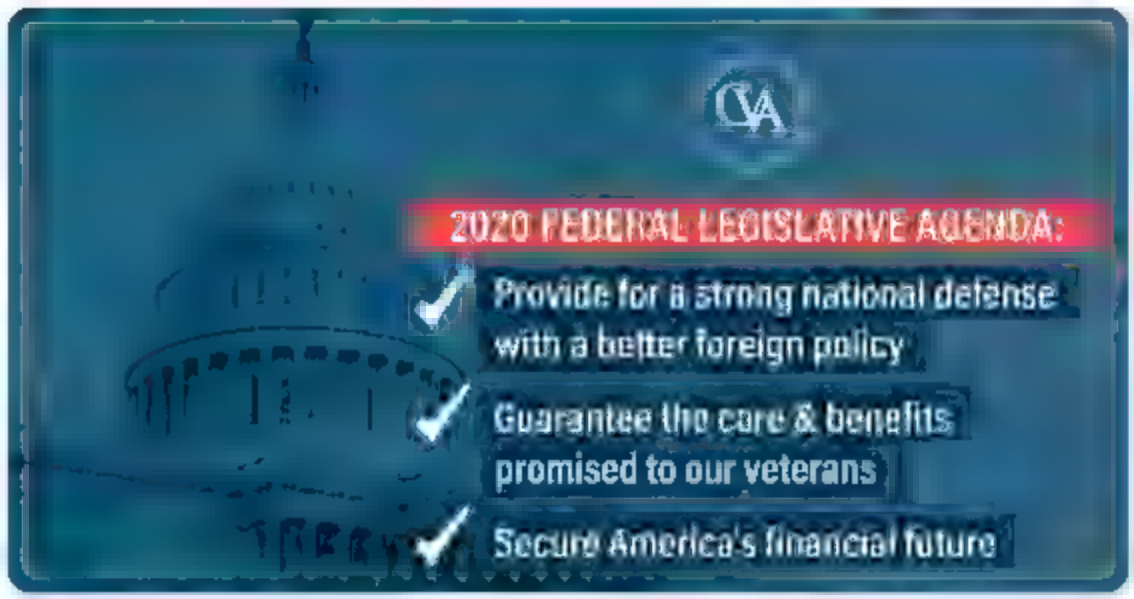
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More foreign policy while the moderators trash Bloomberg. "Sanders, unlike other front-running Democrats, appears to hold foreign policy views that could lead to a bigger divergence from Democratic Party orthodoxy in recent years. As mayor of Burlington, Vt., he promoted ...

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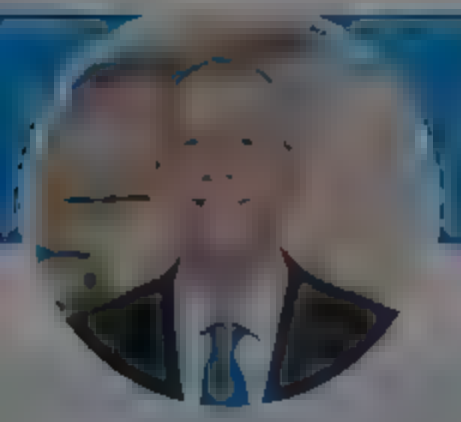
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Can we talk about U.S. wars tonight?

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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetris · 5m

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Wait, we're in a war?

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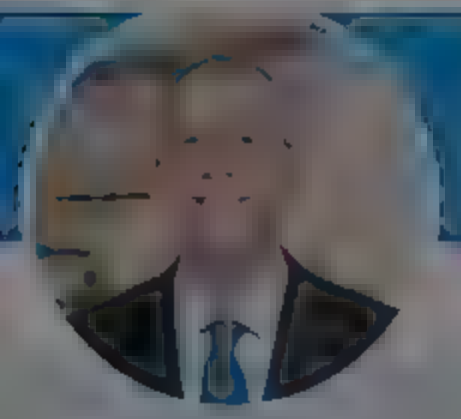
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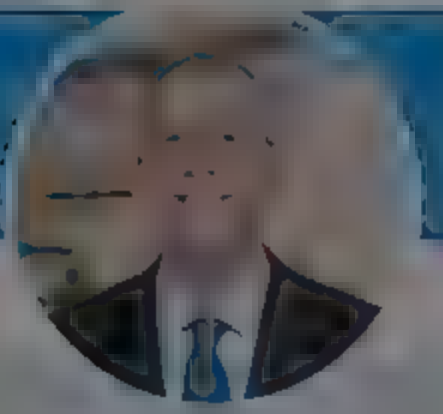
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Joe's historical knowledge is a bit off.

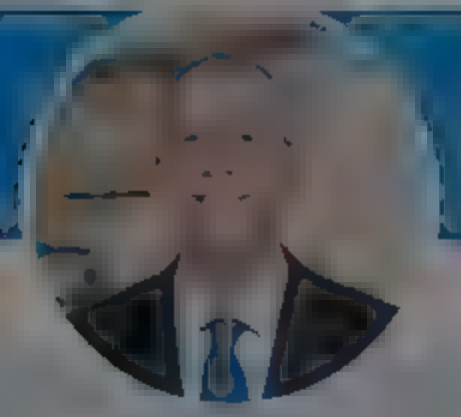
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Brian Williams goes after Biden on his son Hunter on the post-debate show. A bit surprising.

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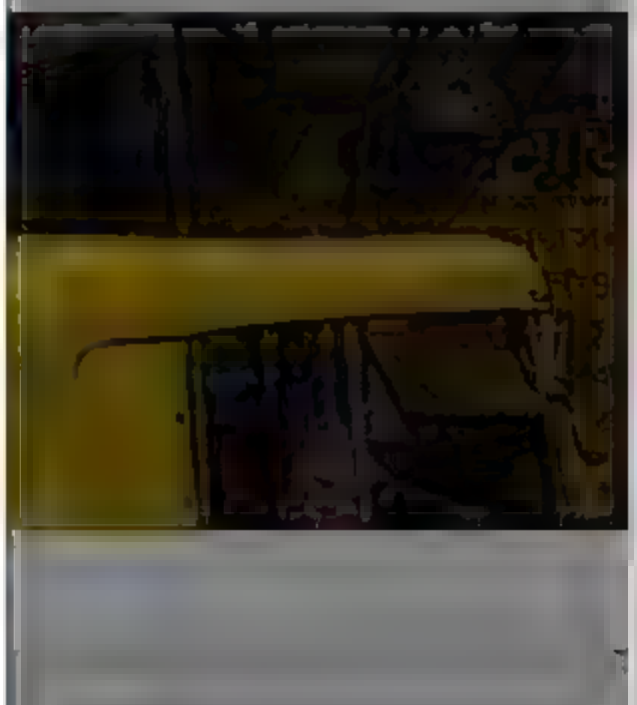


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"..Mr. Khalilzad who's been on the road for nearly two months putting the final touches on the Taliban deal..now shuttles in convoy of armored vehicles between the heavily guarded homes of the divided elite Kabul, trying to keep their peace."

1:22 PM · 21 Feb 2020

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Ben Collins @BenCollins1776 · 1m

Replying to @MujMash

Should have done that BEFORE the farce in Doha

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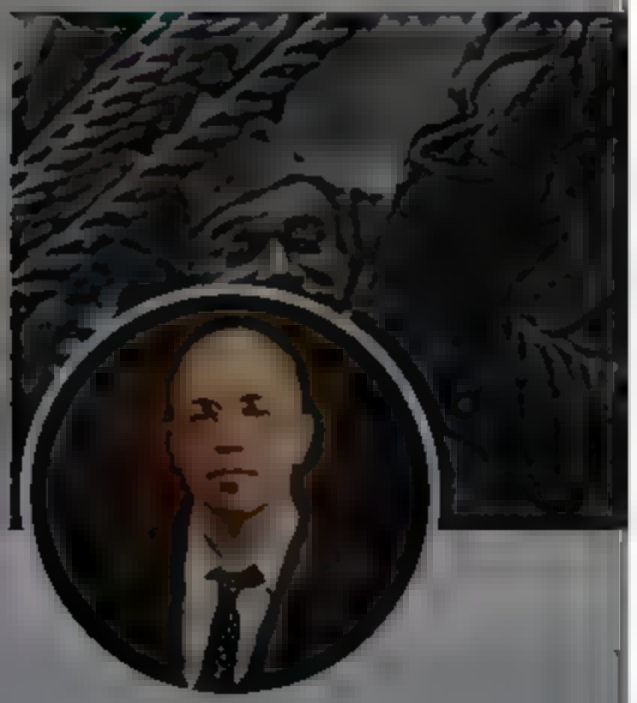
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Staff Writer @TheAtlantic Ideas My jokes aren't funny Currently on paternity leave adam@theatlantic.com



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It honestly makes me really angry when people glibly say the US is "at peace." Guess you don't know anyone who has had to deploy twice after being home less than a year.

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Bita @bitaviani 6m

Replying to @AdamSerwer

or have any family & friends back in Iraq or afghan stan. .

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Mad Catter @mcatdag 5m

Replying to @AdamSerwer

Yes, and how many troops do we have serving overseas in "confict" zones?

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Rich McGilvray @Mastercheif 4m

Replying to @AdamSerwer

No, he most certainly does. In his own logic, "peace" seems to mean "no draft."

Which strikes me as ridiculous

jcarrington @jcarrington 2m

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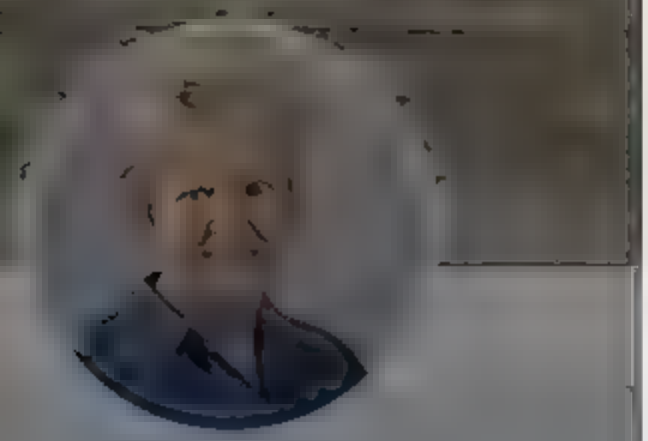
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"We won the war in #Afghanistan. We won the war we needed to win. We lost the war that was unnecessary for us to fight." -- @WillRuger, speaking at #NotreDame magazine.nd.edu/stories/to-wha ... @ckochfoundation @CKinstitute

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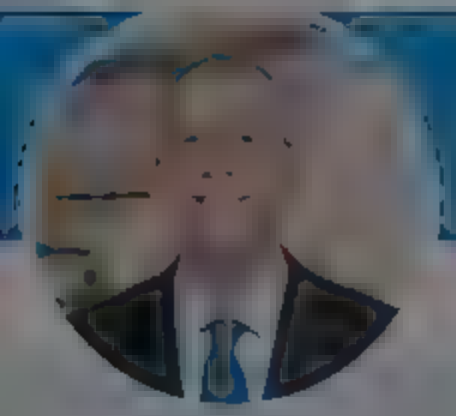
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William Ruger @W l Ruger · 18m

This isn't ending endless wars. And as President Trump said, great nations don't keep fighting them

O'Brien "But we're not going to reduce troops to a leve below what is necessary to protect Amer can interests and our partners in Afghanistan. I can assure you of that."

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Fol ow

He needs to be asked what those interests are and why these troop levels are the right ones relative to costs to meet those objectives.

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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetr s 10m

Replying to @W l Ruger

Apparently one of those ob ectives Incl des defending a corrupt, comically ineffectual Kabul government in perpetuity

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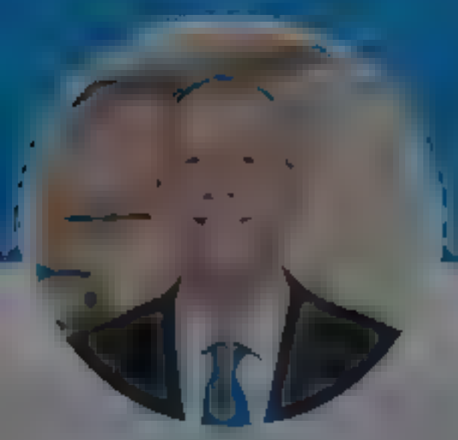
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Important thread by @LaurelMillerICG if you want to understand some of the background for today's historic deal.

Laurel Miller @Laure MillerICG
THREAD With US-#Tal ban deal imminent, I m often asked, why now? Why has the negotiation reached a conclus on now and not earlier In 10 years of on and off US efforts to launch an #AfghanPeaceProcess? Three inter re ated changes in US po lcy exp ain the d fference 1/13
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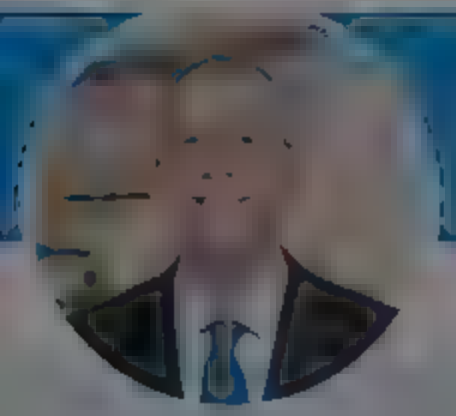
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This honestly gives me more confidence that it is a good deal despite some things that aren't spelled out.

> **Stephen Hayes** @stephenfhayes
> This is a very bad deal twitter.com/TOLOnews/statu...
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7:35 AM · 29 Feb 2020

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Obertan_Window @ObertanW · 31m

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This is l ke in Aliens when R p ley starts driving the APC and Pa_ Reiser shoves the lieutenant out of the way and says "you had your chance!!"

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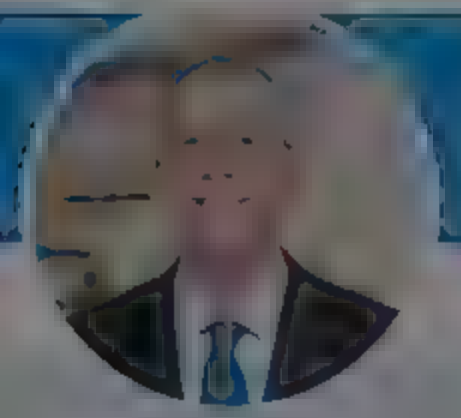
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Neoconservatives & other "forever war" enthusiasts are crying in their Cheerios this morning. Dumbest response seen is we should have learned our lesson from Vietnam. But is there any American that really wishes we had stayed longer at potential price of one of their relatives?

11:17 AM · 29 Feb 2020

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Mark R. Jacobson @markrondetense · 15m

Replying to @WilliamRuger

Not all wars are justifiable but the headlines misconstrue what has happened. This is a formal ceasefire that may lead to peace if the Taliban and Afghan government come to an agreement. Otherwise it's just a delay before the war starts again. Our victory lap may be premature

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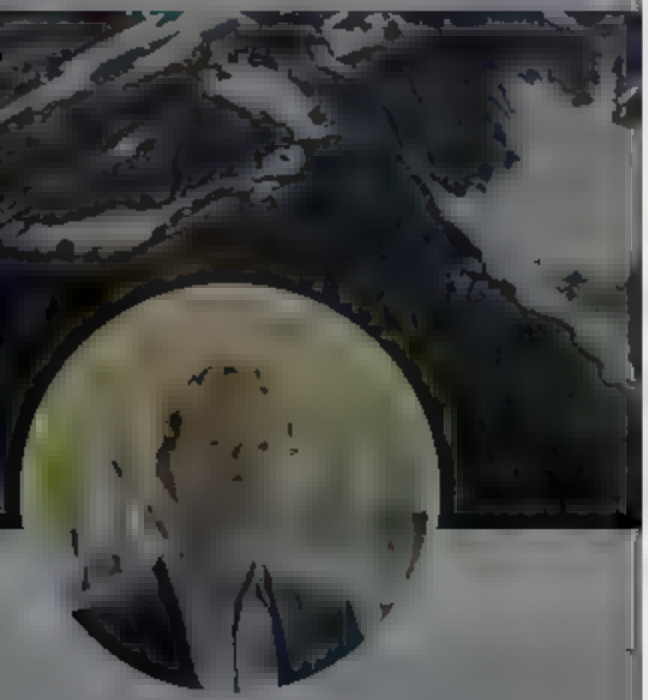
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Assistant Professor of Government [redacted] I study nuclear proliferation and civil war, topics which hopefully never intersect.

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@Nick_J_Miller

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This is the same guy who said he didn't want to serve in Vietnam because the war was "already lost."

But he's happy to keep US troops in Afghanistan in an unwinnable conflict in perpetuity.

> **John Bolton** @AmbJohnBolton
> Signing this agreement with Taliban is an unacceptable risk to America's civilian population. This is an Obama-style deal. Legitimizing Taliban sends the wrong signal to ISIS and al Qaeda terrorists, and to America's enemies generally

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Sad truth is today's agreement w/ the Taliban could have been signed 8+ years ago, had US political and military leaders summoned the courage. An extra 8-10 years of needless war.

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Andrew Burton @burtonad ...m

Rep ying to @M cahZenko @Danie Larison

How much of th s is due to asymmetric po arization n the US? Repub icans/conservatives would have un ted to ca l for Obama's head had he concluded this dea in 2011/2012; Democrats won't for th s dea

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Director of Asia Program ... Afghanistan and Pakistan acting Special Rep. Adjunct ... Collector of warning signs.

Laurel Miller @LaurelMillerICG · 34m
MIN. THREAD: There seem to be some mis-matched expectations and interpretations of what will happen with violence levels in #Afghanistan now that US-#Taliban #DohaDeal is signed. @EsperDoD in Kabul today said US calls on Taliban to abide by "commitments as outlined" in deal . . .

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Laurel Miller @LaurelMillerICG · 34m
"including maintaining the ongoing reduction in violence across the country." Problem is the deal doesn't say that. In Doha, @SecPompeo said in remarks that "significant escalation of violence will be cause for failure." Conveying messages underscoring importance of .

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@LaurelMillerICG

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. . . keeping down violence is good. But if this is a de facto US condition outside the actual terms of the deal, then there is room for conflicting understandings of what has been agreed that lead to failure of deal. This is a risk, not a certainty, but worth watching.

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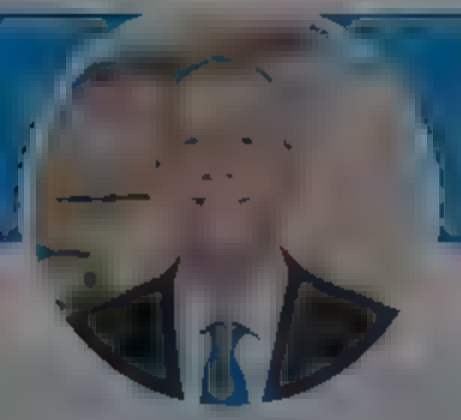
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Ok, now for a non-Afghanistan tweet:

May the @celtics win tonight vs. the Rockets. Tatum rules!

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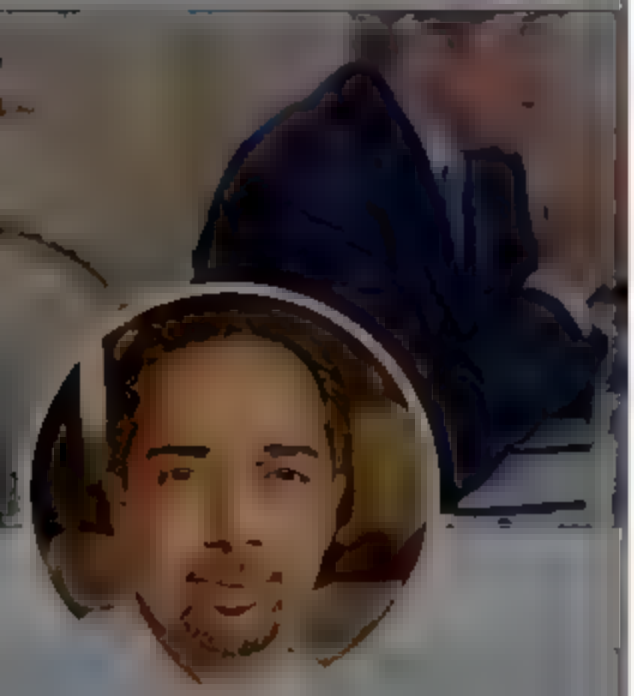
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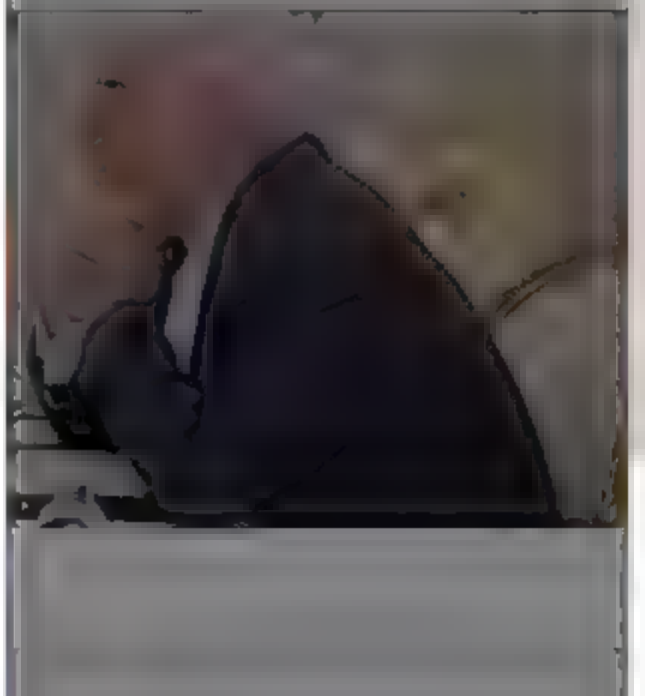
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Right now on @FareedZakaria:

@QuincyInst's president Andrew Bacevich discussing the Afghanistan deal



7:21 AM · 1 Mar 2020

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Dog @[redacted]4h
Replying to [redacted]
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Brian M Downing @BrianMDowning1 · 4h

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Ted Lieu

Husband of Betty, the love of my life
Father of two great kids. USAF veteran
Member of Congress. In that order. Also I don't take orders from Vladimir Putin

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@tedlieu

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Is the Afghanistan agreement perfect? No. Might it fail? Yes. But I commend @realDonaldTrump for attempting to withdraw our troops from Afghanistan. We have been in this war for 19 years & have not won. We will not win staying another 19 years. Time to withdraw from Afghanistan.

> **ABC News Politics** ✓ @ABCPolitics
> Afghanistan's president says he will not free thousands of Taliban prisoners ahead of all-Afghan power-sharing talks set for next week, publicly disagreeing with a timetable laid out just a day earlier in a U.S.-Taliban peace deal.
> abcn.ws/2wf15hp

10:10 AM · 1 Mar 2020

288 Retweets **1,769** Likes

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Jerry Chesler @JerryChesler · 40m
Replying to @tedlieu @realDonaldTrump
A Dem president could never pull off a "cut and run" like this. The right would explode

So good for him getting us out of there

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Morgan Hassig @MorganHassig · 38m
A dem president traded 5 debilitated taliban fighters to get one of our troops

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Wisconsin are meaningfully free

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You are the second person to ping me today. Sounds like it should be included and weighted .00000000000000001% ;-) @JasonSorens

twitter.com/willruger/stat ...

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Rep y ng to @sbzan a

So @JasonSorens, we've had a request from a fan of #F reedomInthe50states to consider ncluding this in the next ed tion (believe tongue-in-cheek).

11 30 AM 2 Mar 2020

3 Likes

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SamuelGoldman @SWGo dman 4 m

Replying to W R ger and nine others

None of us are free until al of us are free,, to own kangaroos.

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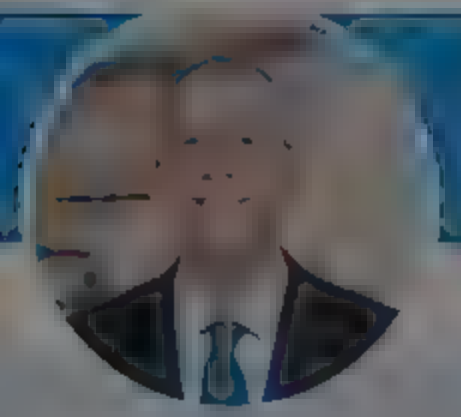
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Prudential statement on the Afghanistan deal from @RepAndyBiggsAZ. And this is so true: "The American people overwhelmingly want an end to endless wars—I hear this refrain every time I meet with constituents in my district."

11:30 AM · 2 Mar 2020

1 Retweet **4** Likes

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · 2h

"I am under absolutely no illusion that the road ahead will be easy, and we must continue to ensure that no terrorist will ever again be able to strike our soil. Like any major peace agreement throughout history, this one carries no guarantee of success."

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · 2h

"However, I am hopeful about the initial breakthrough, and I will continue to very closely monitor all further developments as the peace process plays out in the coming months."

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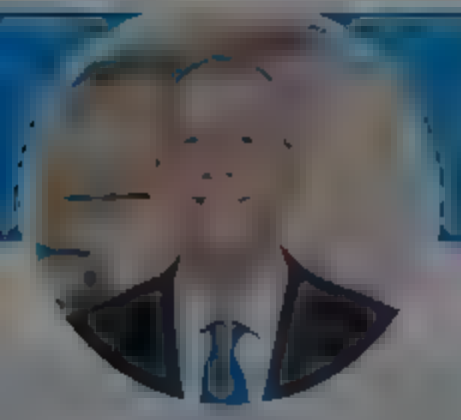
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Jeffrey A. Engel effreyaenge 3h
My 6th grader is comp etely un mpressed that her father knows ALL the lyrics to the Go Gos. Let's just say, I got the beat.

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William Ruger @W I Ruger · 3h
But as a professor, your l ps are never sealed

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Comes with the profession, that's all.

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Team Biden now includes Samantha Power and Susan Rice as well as James Comey and John Brennan. Hoo boy.

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William Earl Burns @wi lameburns13 · 20m
Reply ng to @ mantle @m chaelbd
You may remember them from such hits as "The Destruction of Libya" and "Yemen? Where's that?"

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Bismo Funyuns @UrbanOutdoorman · 14m
Reply ng to @ jmantle @ tl O.
"Meet the new bosses Same as the o d bosses"

The media could not be played

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Editor of The American Conservat ve magaz ne . Author of Devour ng Freedom Can B g Government Ever Be Stopped?

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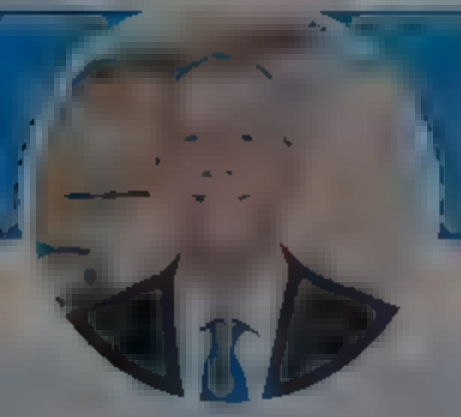
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One of the great things about having #Zoomer kids is that they are like having your own IT department at home to help with tech issues. They seem to know it all.

02 PM · 5 Mar 2020

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Mujib Mashal

New York Times senior correspondent. Afghanistan. Views are my own. Instagram

Mujib Mashal @Mu_Mash

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Taliban reject involvement in the attack on ceremony in Kabul.

(But in such circumstances, just a denial is not enough. There's a lot of gray area that's been exploited before - to escalate, yet still deny. So ANDSF and particularly US military would have to make own conclusion)

> **Mujib Mashal** @Mu_Mash
> Dr Abdullah and other leaders have been safely evacuated, confirms Fraidoon Khwazon a spokesman to Abdullah
> He says there are some wounded in the crowd but numbers not clear
> twitter.com/mujmash/status...

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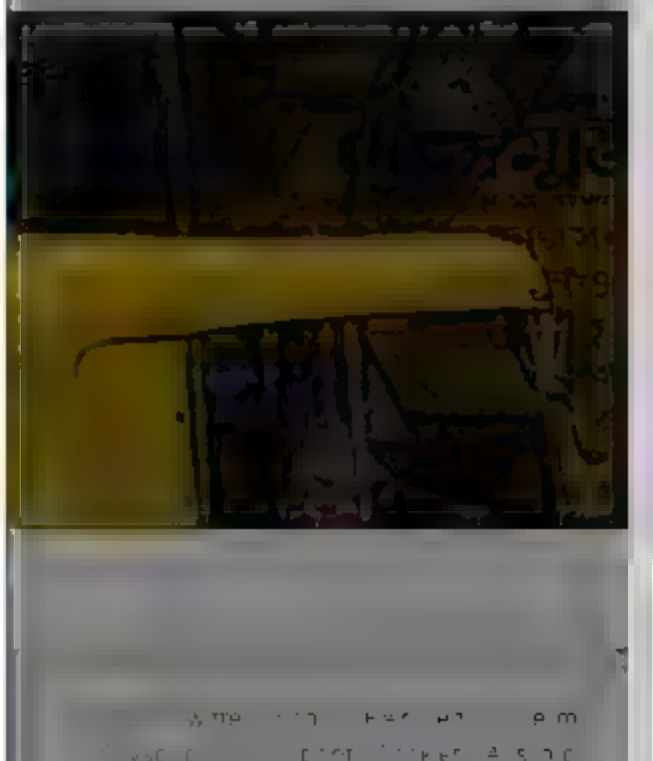
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akbarkhan delsoz @akbarkhan11D · 5m

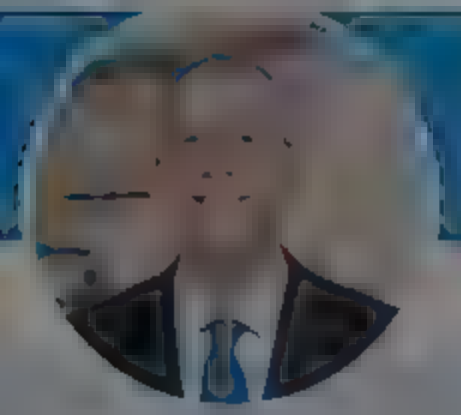
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Yup, my home state of #NewHampshire - the greatest for so many reasons, including perhaps things like this:

"Croydon police chief walks home in underwear, shedding uniform after vote to dissolve department."

So much packed into one headline.

7:52 AM · 6 Mar 2020

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.@DanDePetris in @washingtonpost: "The American people want their sons and daughters in uniform home after nearly 19 years at war [in Afghanistan]. The United States doesn't need a deal with the Taliban to do it."

9:09 AM · 9 Mar 2020

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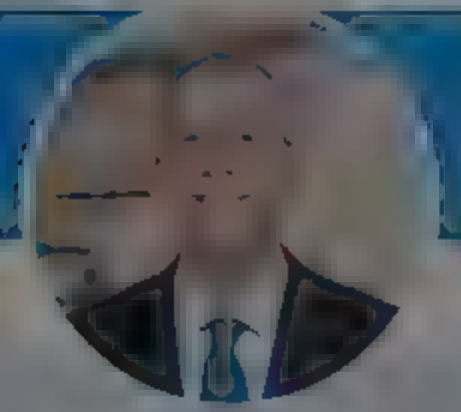
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Biden is straight up lying about his Iraq War record.

6:56 AM · 10 Mar 2020

1 Retweet **11** Likes

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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetris · 10m

Replying to @WilRuger

Yes sir twitter.com/dandepetris/s...

> **Daniel DePetris** @DanDePetris
> Tonight, Joe Biden told MSNBC that he voted to authorize the use of military force against Iraq in order to prevent a war against Iraq from happening...
>
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Miss Know-it-all @KittyBowsGlass · 2h

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On Feb. 27, Acting DNI @RichardGrenell visited @carnegiemellon's Washington, DC office for a dinner hosted by @kironskinner and @WillRuger, in his first event since his Feb. 20 appointment. #CarnegieMellon #TartanProud



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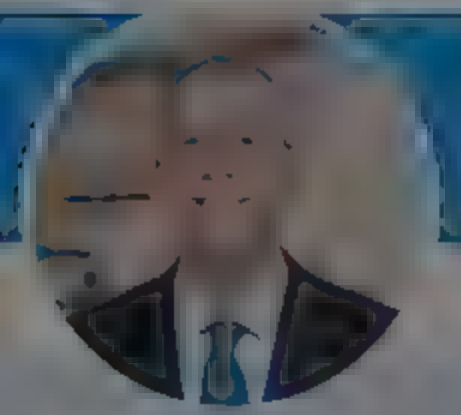
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Apparently my kids can safely go to school with hundreds of other kids (with parents many of whom travel broadly) but <30 18-22 year olds can't play basketball against each other in an empty arena now or anytime this spring?

7:04 PM · 12 Mar 2020

6 Likes

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Blue Camellia @RareCamellia · 50m

Replying to

Exactly. And if illness is going to spread anywhere, it's going to be schools.

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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetris · 1h

Replying to

At one point does the school shut down for the next two weeks?

Lucia Weathers @LuciaWeathers · 55m

Replying to

My kids' schools closed today through April 6. ...

Bill McGonigle @bill_mcgonigle · 22m

Replying to @WilliamRuger

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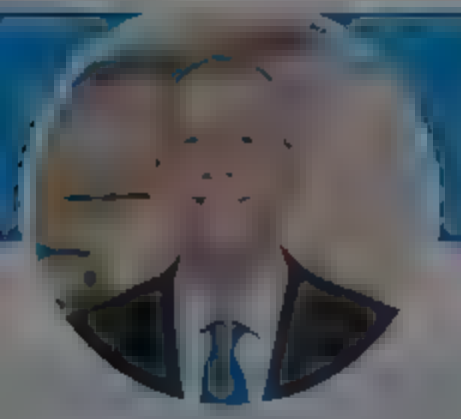
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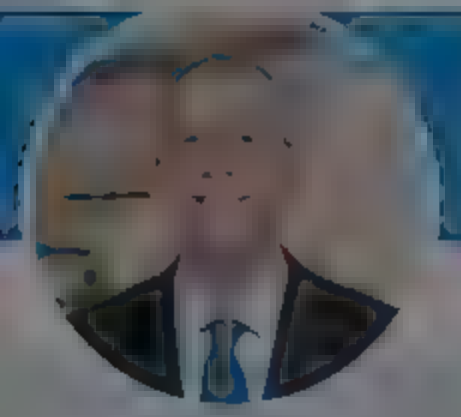
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Coronavirus and the Afghanistan war.
BLUF: It could get ugly.

4:57 AM · 16 Mar 2020

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I welcome the Taliban s statement denouncing Daesh & committing to stop any attempts by Daesh to "recru t, fundraise, or train" inside #Afghan stan These mirror Ta.iban's public comm.tments (in our agreement) against Al Qaeda & al other groups that threaten the US or its allies

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U.S. Special Representative Zal...

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We expect the Taliban to deliver on their commitment. The fulfillment of our commitments within the agreement will depend on the Taliban delivering on their commitments. The Taliban statement on Deash and their recent operations against terrorists in Kunar are positive steps.

12:32 PM · 16 Mar 2020

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Replying to @JS4AfghanPeace

Mr Khalilzad encourages United States to commit to Kabul government to release 5,000 Taliban prisoners

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Replying to

Wait and watch , Taliban will backstab every one with help from Pakistan

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And U cant do anything about it bes des moan ng

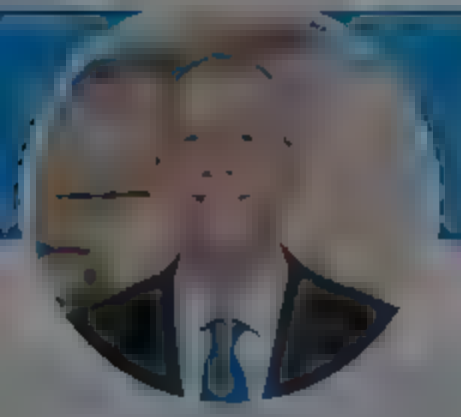
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Apparently "hair restraint" is a thing. I'm pro-restraint in foreign policy and whatever the experts say on "hair restraint." HT: @MargRev

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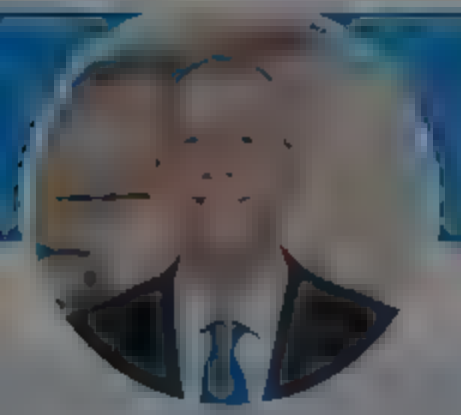
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I get the helicopter drop. But let's remember we should avoid deficit spending when good times return. Will Washington remember? Doubtful.

3:07 PM · 17 Mar 2020

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Mr Maitra @MrMaitra · 16m

Replying to @WilliamRuger

> **Mr Maitra** @MrMaitra
> Reminder, during a global pandemic, that $6 Trillion wasted on reshaping Iraq and Afghanistan, twitter.com/dandcaldwell/s...
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Samuel Gregg @DrSamuelGregg · 15m

Replying to @WilliamRuger

As you say, the forgetfulness is the long term problem

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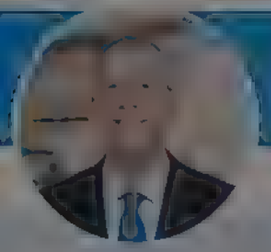
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Avery James @averyjames · 2h
Also got a beverage in solidarity with the Italian people



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Kelly Jane Torrance @KJTorrance · 2h
I'm drinking a New York rosé. It seemed to fit.

1 · 3

SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 2h

2 · 2

Kelly Jane Torrance @KJTorrance · 2h
Though this is the first time I've listened to it since my new job, and I see he mentions our two competitors but not us...

1 · 2

@SuzanA · 2h
OH MAN

ok but consider Dar Williams "The Hudson"

"We go to some grey-sky diner for eggs and toast/The New York Times or the New York Post"

1 · 1

Kelly Jane Torrance @KJTorrance · 2h

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 2h
I see that another bunch are watching THE NATURAL tonight. Allow me to observe that this is not a good film

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William Ruger @WilRuger · Follow

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Heresy man! Love the Natural.

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 2h
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What chaos during a raging war: 4 NATO coalition members in Afghanistan test positive for coronavirus, 1,500 service members and civilians working for the mission remain in screening facilities as precaution, and 38 in isolation because they had flu-like symptoms.

Resolute Support @Resolute Support

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Fascism Watch @Quagmire4 · 4m

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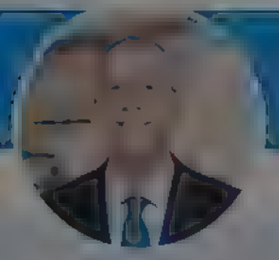
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Mar 2

Wait just a minute

You have a cat named after Lord Peter

I once was housemates with a cat named after Lord Peter (the cat belonged to my housemate)

2 2

Bret Silverberg @BretEditor · Mar 2

Did anyone else realize we were robbed of this? What a huge talent drop-off!

> According to author Christopher Heard, the movie was originally to feature the first onscreen pairing of Robert De Niro and Al Pacino, playing Charlie and Pauline, respectively. In the end, Mickey Rourke and Eric Roberts played the roles

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · Mar 23

I don't think either is right for the role, honestly

2 2

Joseph Capizzi @josephecapizzi · Mar 23

Agree, and I think people are in danger of underrating ER and MR. I do believe ER is great in this movie (again, compare to him in Star 80). The scene with his uncle, as he's about to get married, is a beautiful scene. (Plus, I think Pacino is overrated.)

2 3

Gene Healy @GeneHealy · Mar 23

I think Mickey Rourke was perfect for the role, and Eric Roberts—while not what you'd call *good*—was bad in an appealingly hammy way. Pacino spent most of his mid-career doing an over-the-top imitation of Al Pacino, so he'd have been hamtastic as well.

1 2

Bret Silverberg @BretEditor · Mar 23

Great call, @GeneHealy. Just what version of ham does one want? ER or pre-Scarface Pacino? I'm OK with ER for Pope honestly, but can you just imagine what could have been? Pretty ambivalent on Rourke honestly, he played General Protagonist 80s Wannabe Gangster as OK as anyone

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · Mar 23

Rourke was just perfect expressing Charlie's fundamental softness. Wannabe gangster, but not schtick.

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Gene Healy @GeneHealy · Mar 23

I wouldn't have anyone else in that role. He rose above his limitations. Also, re: De Niro, gonna be a while before I can unsee his uncanny-CGI'ed mug in the Irishman after he throws the grocer through the window and shuffles after him like a retiree negotiating an icy driveway.

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 21m

Another movie tomorrow night?

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I'm in - but something on netflix or hulu?

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No, I don't have those. Amazon Prime.

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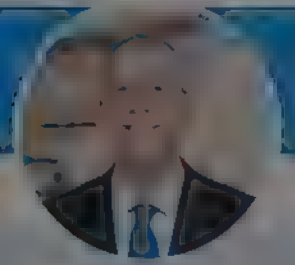
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Some movies are LA movies
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How many of these are NYC or LA?

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SamuelGoldman @SWGo dman · 17m
Replying to @Wi lRuger @josephecap zz and 19 others
How do we co.nt places that don't exist but are actua ly LA (THE W ZARD OF OZ)?
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Hella Stoops @he lastoops · 13m
Many of these fi ms that don't seem to be set In New York or LA are fundamentally about the mpossib l ty/absence of a world without New York or LA
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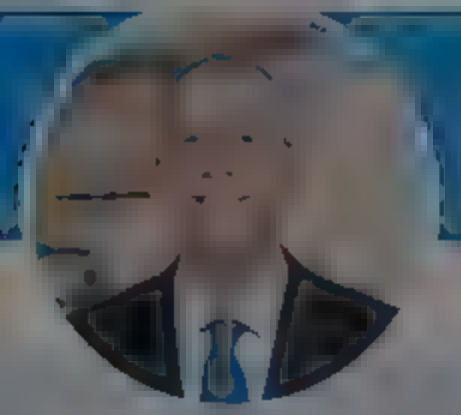
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Eric Gomez @EricGomezAsia · 8h

Happy to publicly share the news that I've been promoted to director of defense policy studies at @CatoFP! Attaching a screenshot of my new profile to confirm that this is not an April Fools joke

ERIC GOMEZ
Director of Defense Policy Studies



Eric Gomez is director of defense policy studies at the Cato Institute. His research focuses on U.S. military strategy in East Asia, missile defense systems and their impact on strategic stability, and nuclear deterrence issues in East Asia. He has presented research on these topics at annual meetings of the International Studies Association and the American Political Science Association and the Nuclear Issues Political Science Conference. In the summer of 2018, he worked in the Strategic Defense Analysis group hosted by Georgetown University and Sandia National Laboratories.

Eric is the co-author of the forthcoming book, *America's Nuclear Crossroads: A Forward-Looking Analysis*. Released in July 2019, the anthology examines a wide variety of pressing issues in nuclear deterrence and arms control, confronting policymakers at the dawn of a new era of great power competition.

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Forum initiates a public anti-crisis mission to prepare recommendations on Ukraine's top political, economic and security actions.



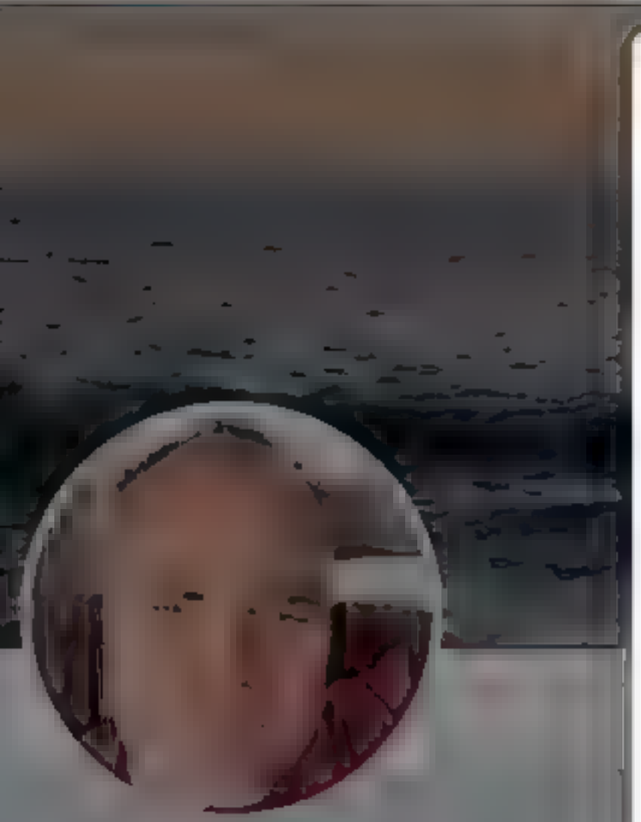
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Kyiv Security Forum @ksfopenUkraine · 9h
2/4 The first online discussion of Kyiv Security Forum will focus on one of the country's most important issues. how to prevent economic collapse and create conditions for Ukraine to emerge from the crisis? Meeting will go live

Kyiv Security Forum
@[illegible]
The Kyiv Security Forum was initiated by the Arseniy Yatseniuk "Open Ukraine Foundation" in 2007. The Forum acts an annual platform for high-level discussion



Matthew J. Peterson

VP of Education
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( ) The only way out is thro gh Come with us if you want to ive

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@docMJP

These kids today wouldn't even want to start a long and costly war and occupation...

> **David Brooks** @nytcdavidbrooks
> The nte lectua decline of the GOP is astonishing, especial y when your remember how different it was just 15 or 20 years ago
> thebulwark.com/trump-has-brok...

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Matthew J. Peterson @docMJP 57 dk.
On the other hand, David Brooks was into Nationa Greatness before t was cool

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Matthew J. Peterson @docMJP 13 dk.
But th s Kristol piece. ."How would these very dumb Republicans today figure out how to take record high support like Bush had and then trash the Republ can Party brand so hard that the least Republ can of them (McCa n) s chosen next to lose twice to Barak Hussein Obama ?"

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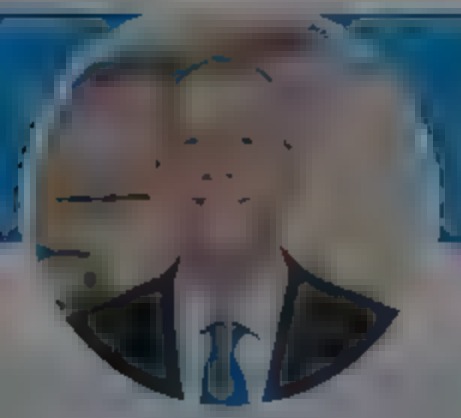
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"I don't want to rebu ld,. We re tired We've rebu t if you cal it that or destroyed, frankly what we've done is so crazy What we have done ..the direction that th s country has taken is so sad. But we re in the M ddle East for 8 tril ion dol ars."

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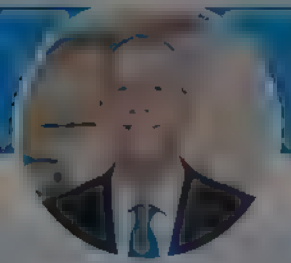
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don't have Netflix but recogn ze a ot of others do

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 1h
How can you be quarantined without Netfl x?

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Kelly Jane Torrance @KJTorrance · 1h
Amazon Prime, c assica mus c, and books?

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Titus Techera @t tusfi m · 1h
Classy Netflix tbh s kinda trash

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 1h
Med um rare? An aristocrat

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Titus Techera @t tusfi m · 1h
Speaking of aristocrats—isn t the Talented Mr Ripley on Netflix? 'd be w l ing to sing its pra ses!

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 1h
love that mov e We're going to need a pol

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Now that's one we should watch for this club. Love that movie (and Seinfeld was wrong on it).

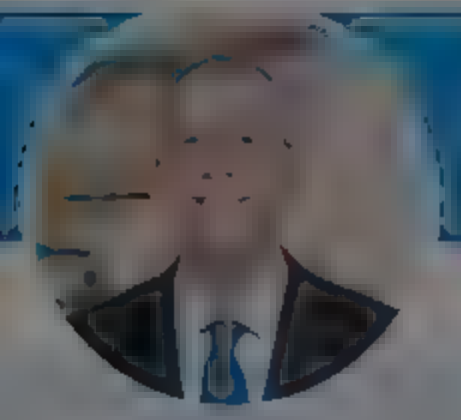
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Alan Chen @profalankchen Apr 10

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Say it ain't so...

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   Cooper has this sort of American charm, but if you look at it from another angle, he's an ambitious tyrant. It's not obvious that he should step beyond Twin Peaks & try to get into a hellmouth! It also seems like his missed sacrifice is for nothing, in The Return. Depressing.

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   So there's a lot to worry about in bad things that don't make sense. As for evil Cooper, it would seem to be that tyrant–applying Cooper's confident powers, after a kind of humbling, to the pursuit of, well, immortality. Fits, because Cooper's Laura love was always about that...

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   New Sunday. Another movie? Three Prime options below: 1 Coppola's Conversation 2 Something Woody Allen? His memoir is good, the first half amazing! Annie Hall? 3 Pawlikowski's Cold War--wonderful drama behind &, I guess, before the Iron Curtain. Any other ideas?

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   I think everyone would enjoy it.

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   The Death of Stalin is amazing

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   Okay everyone, the people have spoken. It's THE DEATH OF STALIN tonight. @KJTorrance it's not too late to subscribe. You'll be able to watch that show about tigers, too

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    @JacobHeilbrunn @MatthewRojansky You guys should join in tonight. We start at 8.30 pm Eastern sharp. Then watch and tweet.

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      What an excellent movie. What happens after you (re-)watch? You tweet pithily about it here?

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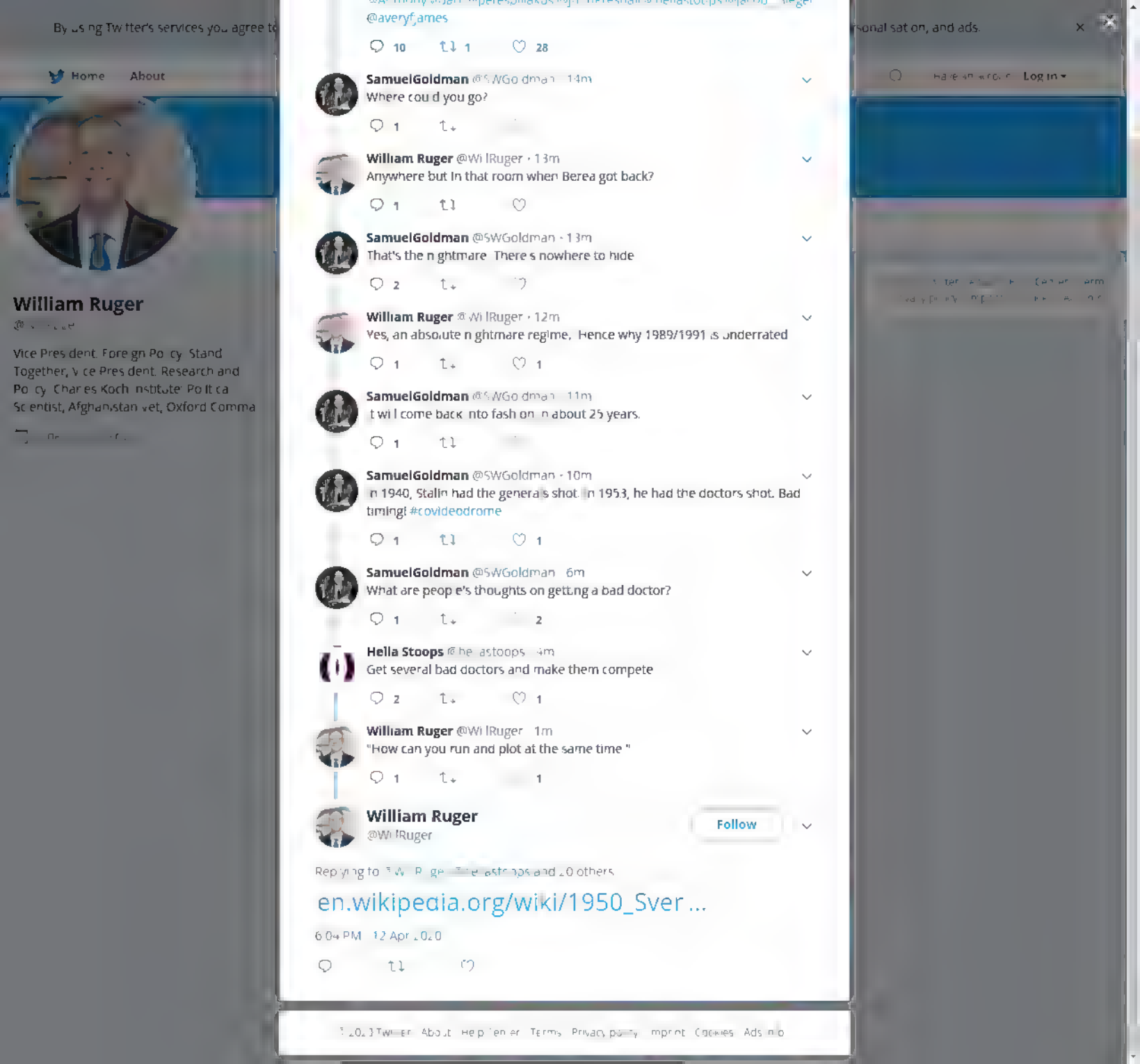
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That's the n ghtmare There s nowhere to hide
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William Ruger @Wi lRuger · 12m
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n 1940, Stalin had the general s shot In 1953, he had the doctors shot. Bad timing! #covideodrome
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What are peop e's thoughts on gett ng a bad doctor?
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Get several bad doctors and make them compete
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"How can you run and plot at the same time "
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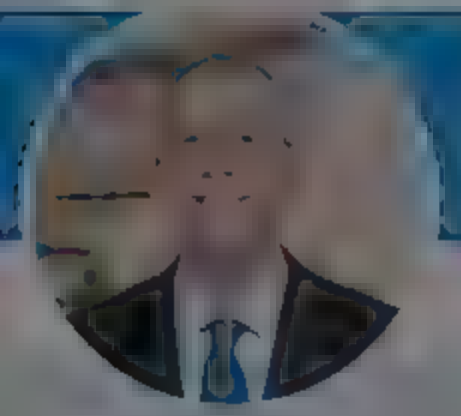
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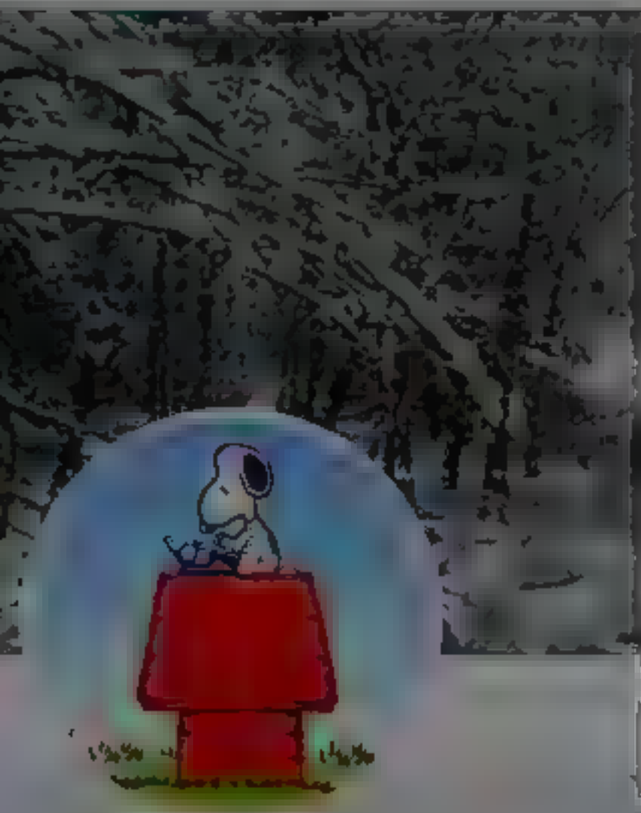
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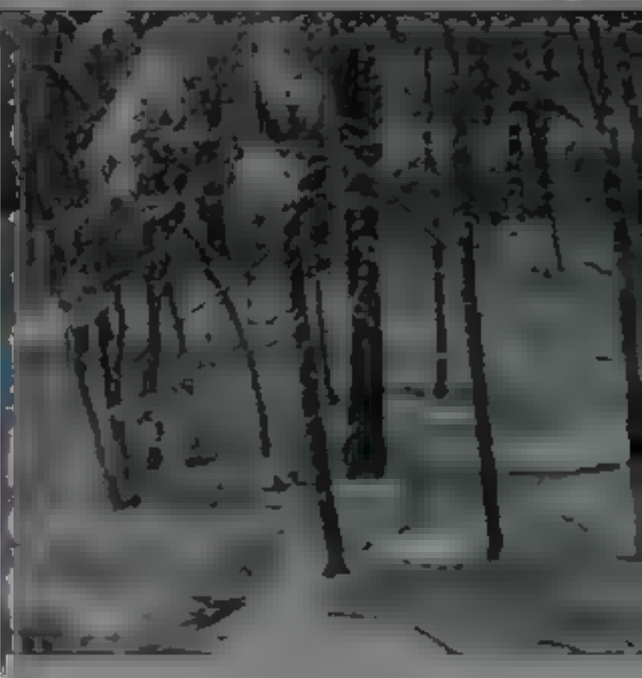
How many of those who are expressing absolute certainty about what was the nature of the threat and the right and proper response from the beginning had the forethought and confidence to short the market or at least move to cash? #revealedpreferences

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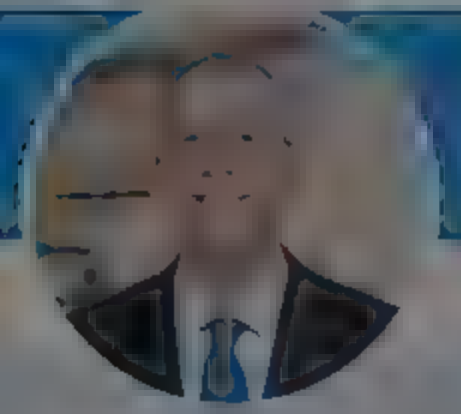
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William Ruger @WilRuger Apr 14
Lots of bobby pieces out there today.

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Emma Ashford @EmmaMAshford Apr 14
Who needs a pandemic when you have regime change in Iran to arrange?

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That piece isn't even the worst thing I've seen today.....

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I'm going to cherish my ignorance a little longer then

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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetris Apr 14
Have to read the piece yet about SIS using COVID to launch a great comeback?

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William Ruger @WilRuger · Apr 17

so they should be properly incentivized

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Without having to be concerned w/ obstructing fan views, couldn't @NHL and @NHLonNBCSports create perhaps the best tv experience possible for live hockey when it reopens? Cameras all over the arena just above the glass. Cameras on booms over the ice. Let's do this! #nhl #hockey

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Could grow interest in the game - so short-run gate loss but long-run win for @NHL in the lower 48.

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 60s

Time to make lemonade out of lemons. Imagine TV ratings would be through the roof for first live sports televised during COVID-19. @NHL should really try to get the jump on other leagues.

SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 1m

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Let's just go full Rollerball

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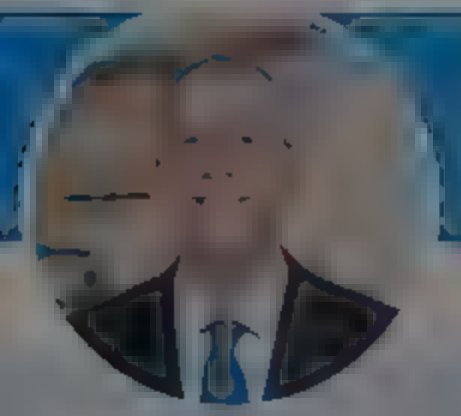
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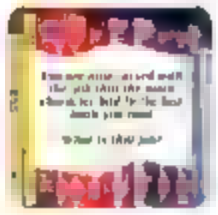
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Secondhand Bookery @SecondHandBookery
You are now cursed with the job the main character had in the last book you read what is that job?

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Doctor during the plague in Oran?

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Sounds like a drag.

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · 48s
Great book to reread during this moment.

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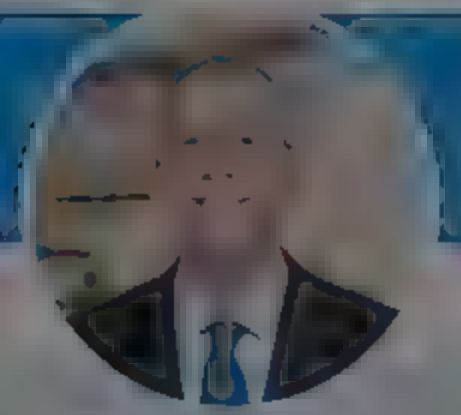
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Why do you put the flag and delete so close together on Outlook?

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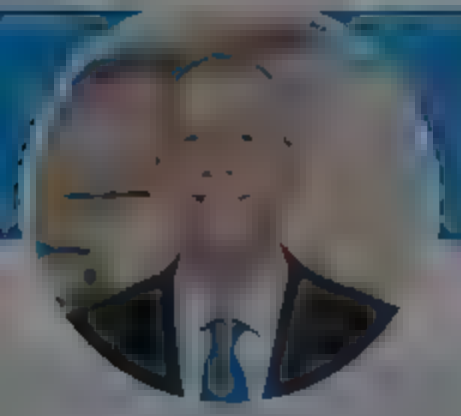
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@Zasaria · Apr 22

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USA doesn't have a choice they have to withdraw with theur tail's between the legs Its been a disastrous adventure they can't win

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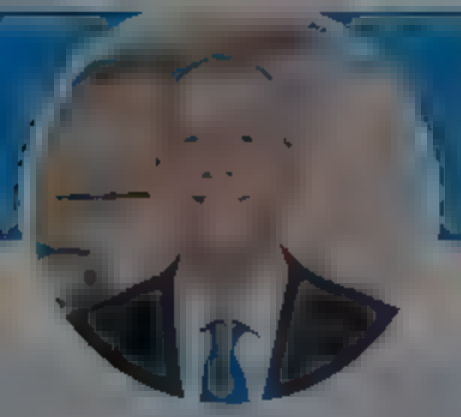
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Read ng about the N ihau incident after Pearl Harbor, which I had largely forgotten. Interest ng footnote in h story Occurred on d stant part of Hawa "pr vately owned by the same fam ly since 1864, when Elizabeth S nclair purchased it from K ng Kamehameha V for $10,000."

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A lot of discussion recently about transmission dynamics, most of which are extrapolated from viral loads & estimates. What does contact tracing/community testing data tell us about actual probability of #COVID19 transmission(infection rate), high risk environments/age?
[thread]

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239 3.6K 6.6K

Dr Muge Cevik @m gecev k · May 4

1/ 2147 close contacts of 157 #COVID19 cases were fo lowed up Overa l infection rate was 6%, higher infection rate among fr ends (22%) and household (18%), and main r sk factors include contact in household (13%), transport (11%), d n ng (7%).
html rbhz.net/zh xbx/028 htm (4/3/20)

表 2 新型冠状病毒肺炎确诊病例和无症状感染者密切接触者感染情况

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NATO-Russian relations post-enlargement is out. Builds on evidence that both the US & Russia aimed to remake Europe post-1991, drawing on @ShipingTang's distinction between spirals & security dilemmas.

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Josh Shifrinson @shifrinson Mar 28

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Josh Shifrinson @shifrinson Mar 30

UPDATE 3: @sbmoller's wonderful work on enlargement's effects on @NATO as an organization is up with @ip_palgrave, link below. Hugely insightful discussion of the military dilemmas associated with expansion -

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Josh Shifrinson @shifrinson Apr 8

UPDATE: @AlexanoszKa's powerful piece on the virtues of NATO expansion esp as it affected E. European liberalization is up! @JimGoldgeier and I tried to balance the special issue, and we're thrilled with how Alexander's piece turned out. link.springer.com/article/10.105... cc @ip_palgrave

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Josh Shifrinson @shifrinson Apr 16

UPDATE: @KimberlyMarten's terrific article - a follow-up to her superb @EJIntSec project a few years back - is now online. See link -
link.springer.com/article/10.105

cc: @JimGoldgeier @TheOpenMike

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UPDATE: @tmsayre's terrific piece linking NATO's post-Cold War survival with its Cold War origins is up! Stay tuned for more
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UPDATE: @ProfPaulPoast and @AlexCecylA's wonderful contribution - challenge NATO expansion's relevance to democratic consolidation in C/EE - is up. Great for syllabi and research, esp when paired w/@AlexanoszKa's piece in the same volume. link.springer.com/article/10.105

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UPDATE: @svhalTky and Michael Fortmann have an amazing piece up on NATO enlargement and its effect on hopes for post-Cold War cooperative security in Europe. A tour de force well worth reading and engaging.

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UPDATE: @WillRuger and Rajan Menon's critique of NATO expansion as a tenet of US grand strategy is up! It's a strong and direct assault on the logic of NATO enlargement as it affects the United States - a must-read! link.springer.com/article/10.105 ... @JimGoldgeier @ip_palgrave @TheOpenMike

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And, of course, the framing and introduction to the entire volume - authored by @JimGoldgeier and yours truly - is now up as well. Take a gander for a synthesis of the whole project.

Stay tuned, too, for the whole special issue to appear in print.

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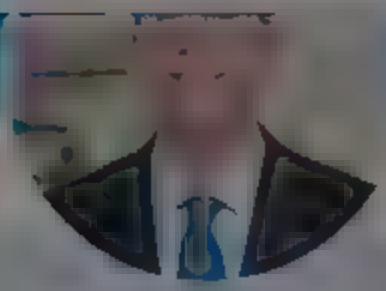
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craig snyder @wednesdaysnyder · May 12

Th s s such an mportant conversation, perhaps even more so now than before the pandem c and it's ripp e effects.

> **William Ruger** @W lRuger
> P easure to appear on "The Whole Truth with David Eisenhower" for debate on America's Proper Role In the World Fe low guests included @micheleflournoy, @B l Kristol, & MIT Prof Barry Posen..
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Reply ng to @wednesdaysnyder

Hope somebody made a point about trade-offs with domestic priorities in the debate..... ;-)

6 49 AM · 2 May 2020

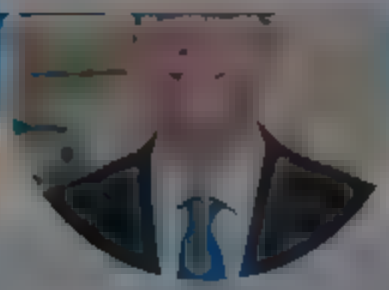
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Unpopular opinion: 1997-1998 @utahjazz was the better team.

7:57 AM · 9 May 2020

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Greg Jaffe @GregJaffe May 9

Reply ng to @W l Ruger @utah jazz

This seems verifiably ncorrect since the Jazz lost In six games. Also anti-l bertar an

Final y, if we're go ng to judge on appearances rather than final score, the Jazz lose points for the r un forms that season wh.ch were atrocious.

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Brent Scales @Bo er40 May 9

The po nt on the Jazz un forms s unassa ab e

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Josh Shifrinson @s ifr nson May 9

Reply ng to @W l Ruger @utah jazz

Malone and Stockton!

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Harry Kazianis @GrecianFormu a May 9

Reply ng to @W l Ruger @utah jazz

Karl Malone was a total beast. I d d think they had a shot at taking the bu ls out. I'll never, ever forget the 'flu' game

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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetr s May 10

Reply ng to @W l Ruger @utah jazz

This is so true. Bel eve it or not, I actua ly rewatched some of that series the

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Reid Tillman Smith @re dtsmith · May 1.
Beat me to it

> **Michael Cohen** @speechboy71
> The only correct answer to this question s the Grateful Dead
> twitter com/HankAzaria/sta..
> Show th s thread
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William Ruger @WIIRuger · May 12
s the Dead even a rock band as tradit onal y understood?

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Reid Tillman Smith @re dtsmith · May 12
Yes and a un quely American one, at that. Few bands could cover Chuck Berry's "Promised Land" into Merle Haggard's "Mama Tried" wh.le mix ng in a dash of gospel, psychedel a, and b.uegrass. Not to mention ro l cking odes to Jncle Sam and the flag p anted on the moon by Armstrong.

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Rep ying to @ e dtsm

I've always just thought the Dead itself was a unique musical and cultural form! (though not my cup of tea per se but neither do I have animus towards it).

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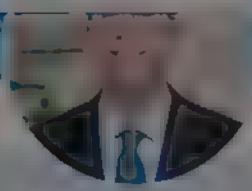
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SamuelGoldman @SWGo dman 7m
Always here for

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Kelly Jane Torrance @KJTorrance 7m
Amen Al hail @Wh tSt lmanI

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SamuelGoldman @SWGo dman 4m
Last Days of Disco?

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Kelly Jane Torrance @KJTorrance m
Love it Always up for Kate and Chloe (Ne ther of whom seems to have aged much)

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman 2m
'd go for that

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Rep ying to @SWGoldman @K Torrance and 14 others

Godfather!!!

7 46 AM 17 May 2020

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William Ruger @WilRuger 1m
Replying to @WilRuger @SWGo dman and 15 others
So much more to talk about.

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 1m
The French Connect on?

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 1m
Replying to @WilRuger @KJTorrance and 14 others
We'd have to start early

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And the l berty stuff, that's not just ta k. It permeates the entire cu ture of the school. There is a strong be ef that the best things happen when people are given freedom to express themse ves and make choices. And it's real y liberating!

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Megan Stevenson
@MeganTStevenson

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A part of this is a real freedom of ideas and exchange. My colleagues at George Mason tell you exactly what they think. Sometimes it stings, but its incredibly relieving to have that kind of honesty. And you are allowed to say exactly what you think! And they respect that!

11:36 AM · 21 May 2020

8 Likes

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Megan Stevenson @MeganTStevenson 46m

Sure they took a big pi e of money from Koch. But its absolute BS to nsinuate that th s has influenced what they say or who they h.re. In fact, they used some of that money to hire me a Cal forn a hippy writing about socia. ustice issues.

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Megan Stevenson @MeganTStevenson 46m

Maybe what I l miss the most is the freewheeling workshop culture. Yes, giving a talk at Scal a Law is kind of .ke jumping into a mosh pit. It's rowdy You might get bruised But it is as lively and interesting and stimulating as any workshop I've ever seen.

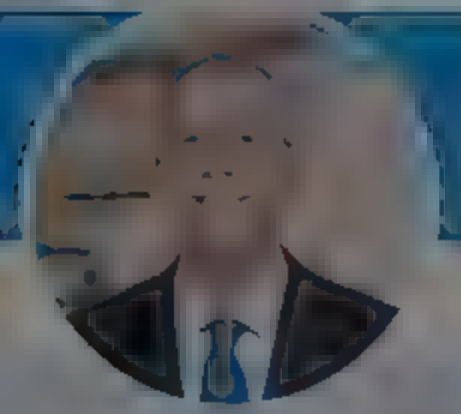
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Megan Stevenson @MeganTStevenson 45m

Th s place .s really cool I w l. m ss it.

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Megan Stevenson @MeganTStevenson · 7h

Some parting thoughts about George Mason's Scalia Law, because I don't think people really get this school. In my mind, GMU is punk rock. I don't mean literally black clothes & Minor Threat, but rather an attitude of being defiantly, unabashedly onesself

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Replying to @MeganTStevenson

@SWGoldman - apropos of our definitional discussion.

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Thread for Memorial Day.



Brad Duplessis @D p ess Brad
Remember ng many this #Memor alDay2020 weekend al w l be carried w th me ntil the end of my days

2LT Rich Torres (L) was K A n skandariyah, Iraq on 06 Oct

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7 7 AM 25 May 2020

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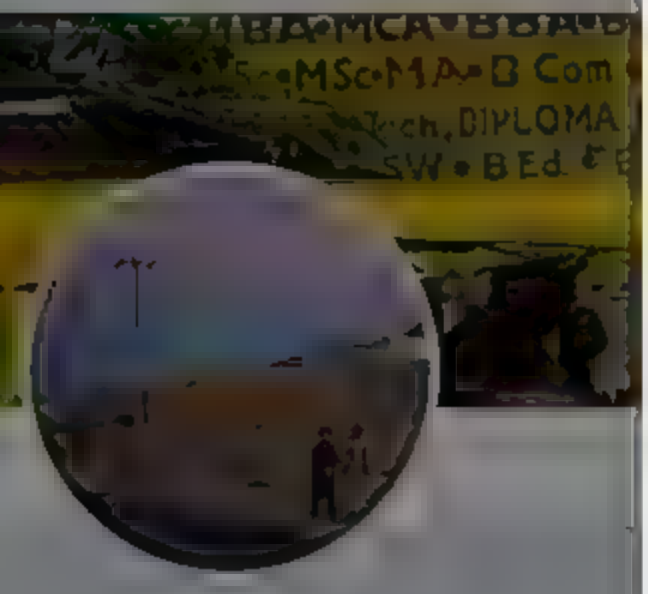
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@MujMash

New York Times senior correspondent. Afghanistan. Views are my own. Instagram: mujmash

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Tweets by @MujMash

Mujib Mashal @MujMash · May 27

Even after the 3-day Eid ceasefire ended, cessation of violence seems to have largely held in a "non-declared" manner on the 4th day. Security officials say no major reports of Taliban attacks.

Bloodiest incident: Afghan forces carried out strikes in Shajoy, Zabul

4 25 57

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@MujMash

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Reports are conflicting on the Shajoy airstrike. Zabul Provincial council says a gathering/lunch for a released taliban prisoner was struck, killing three children and wounding 6 people.

Zabul police spox says the strike killed 18 Taliban. @Taimoornyt

8:08 AM · 27 May 2020

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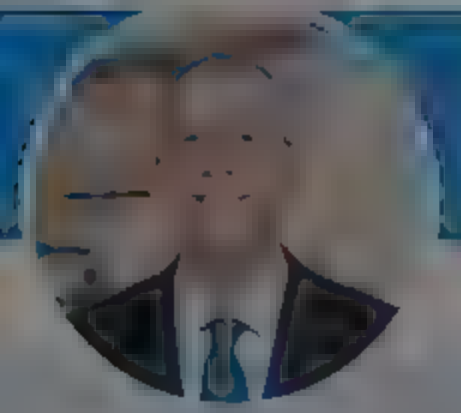
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Given Max Weber s defin tion of the state, does @Twitter's ru e on vio ence ("You may not threaten violence against an individual or a group of peop e ") mean those proposing new laws and regulations can t do so on this p atform?

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Just exhibit A in how social media platforms are going to have to twist themselves in knots to get the outcomes they want once they start down the road of content moderation.

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William Ruger @W I Ruger · 14m

I imag ne if the C rc e Bastiat were st ll around, those guys would be spending Saturday nights spamming the powers that be w/ the "report tweet" button whenever any po it.c an or th nk tanker made a proposal (see pg 255 of @brianmdoherty's book for why this came to m nd)

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William Ruger @W I Ruger · 3m

And no I'm not advocating that. I just think that content moderation s INCRE DIBLY difficult period and so humility around the task if it should be done at al. is in order (whether it is a private outlet or the govt).

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Asking for a libertarian and/or academic friend:

Given Max Weber's definition of the state, does @Twitter's rule on violence ("You may not threaten violence against an individual or a group of people.") mean those proposing new laws and regulations can't do so on this platform?

11:07 AM · 30 May 2020

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 58m
Just exhibit A in how social media platforms are going to have to twist themselves in knots to get the outcomes they want once they start down the road of content moderation.

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 42m
I imagine if the Circle Bastiat were still around, those guys would be spending Saturday nights spamming the powers that be w/ the "report tweet" button whenever any politician or think tanker made a proposal (see pg 255 of @brianmdoherty's book for why this came to mind)

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 30m
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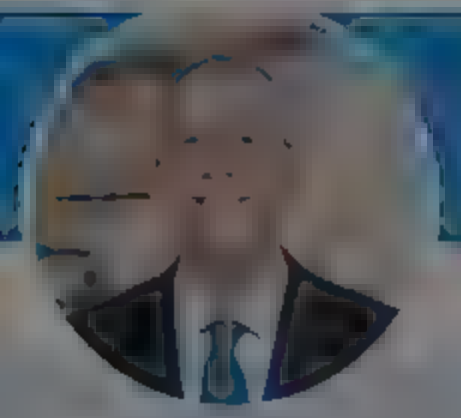
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Call me crazy, but I think people are seriously underestimating the dangers of retired senior military officers getting deeply enmeshed in our politics (especially when they trade on that status). 1/

6:38 AM · 4 Jun 2020

3 Retweets **3** Likes

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · 10m

2/ Firstly, as Sam Huntington (following Lasswell) noted, military officers are experts in "the management of violence." As he notes, they organize, train, equip military forces; they plan military activities, they direct operations - combat and otherwise

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · 7m

3/ This does not make them experts in other realms and does not provide them the background necessary to make trade-offs between different political and social means/ends. Indeed, it could make them more likely to favor some means/ends over others.

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · 2m

4/ Moreover, they've never been - and aren't - accountable to an electorate in same way elected officials are. So their stances can be fairly costless, other than stances which would hurt future speaking/job opportunities (thus introducing certain biases, esp on nat sec issues).

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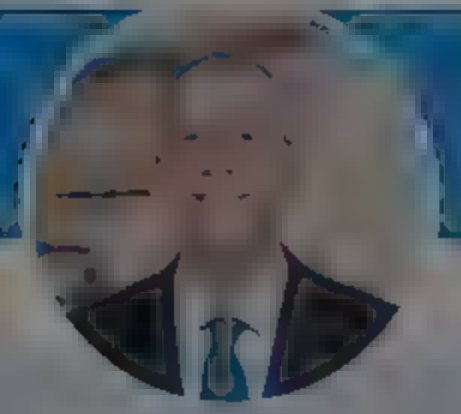
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Protesting in uniform is really bad idea for healthy civil-military relations, especially if people might think you are still in the military. Protest as much as you want (peacefully). But this isn't right way - & for active military AND retirees it is violation of policy. twitter.com/TedTNavyVetInM ...

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10:01 AM · 5 Jun 2020

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Heather D. Browning @HDBrowning · 8h

Replying to @WilRuger

Out of curiosity, this individual did not mention being a retiree, just a Vet. Are non-retired vets eligible to continue wearing their military uniform, once they resign from military service?

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 8h

The instruction says it is providing guidance to "former members of the Armed Forces" but then talks in the prohibition section about "retired members." But I suppose this depends on what is meant by "retired" here. Spirit of language seems clear to me

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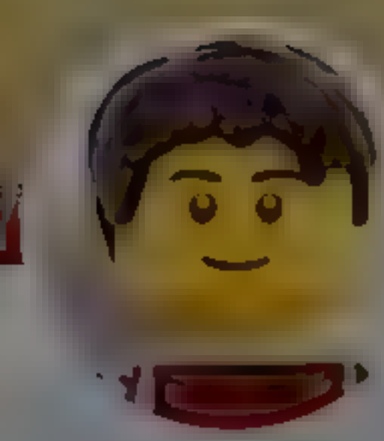
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A significant development, if true.

"#Tal ban top council gives nod to start intra-Afghan talks"

4:39 AM · 8 Jun 2020

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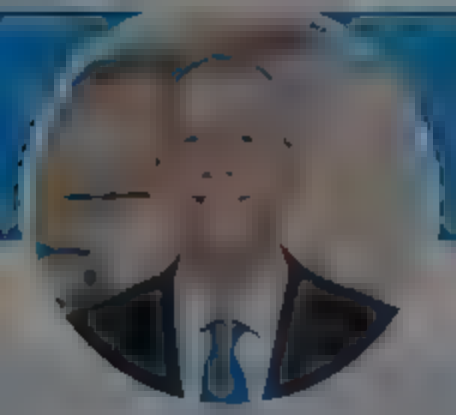
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During interview, "Trump said that much of the establishment hatred of his presidency was driven by opposition to his foreign policy & his desire to only deploy American servicemen and women on missions directly related to Am. national security interests."

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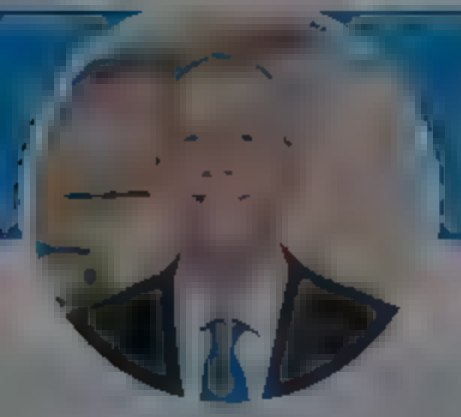
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Damon Linker @Damon nker · 7m

Replying to W Ruger

How dare you suggest people read something written before the m d-1990s

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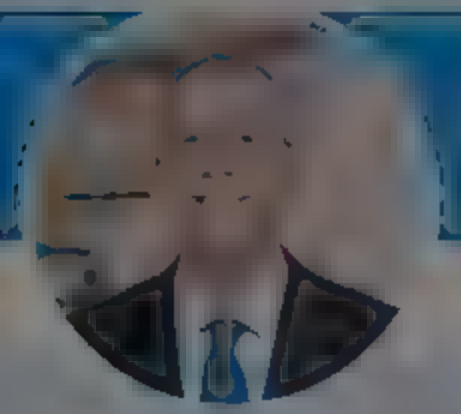


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Lance McAdams @ ancemcadams 3h

seeing you and tinker go back and forth reminds me of my co lege days back around 2000 both of you were great teachers.

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Thanks. Those were amazing days that I look back on as among the best of my professorial career. Students there were amazing; many have kept in touch through the years (some of whom are here on Twitter). And have some great lifelong friendships with my former colleagues.

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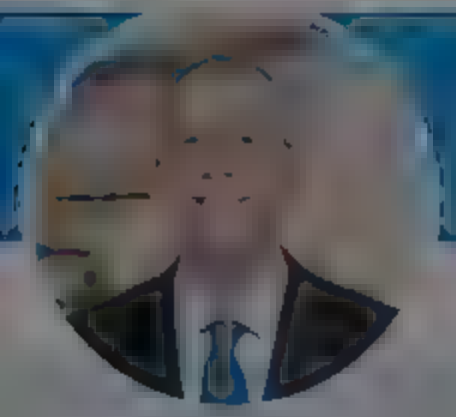
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Watching @HamiltonMusical tonight on @disneyplus for 1st time. As student of US foreign policy, loved Cabinet Battle #2. Hamilton the realist and skilled rhetorician: "If we try to fight in every revolution in the world, we never stop. Where do we draw the line." #hamiltonmusical

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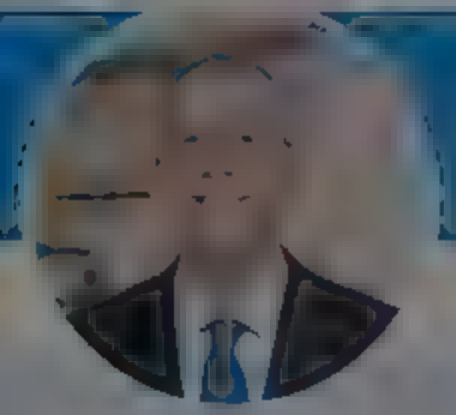
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Neil Chilson @ne l_chi son · 2 h

Happy Wednesday!

I'm giving back to my fo lowers. For every example of emergent order you share n reply to th s tweet, I'll send two back.

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Replying to @ne l_chi son

Don't forget that not all emergent orders are normatively good. @JasonSorens

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Thanks, Buchanan!

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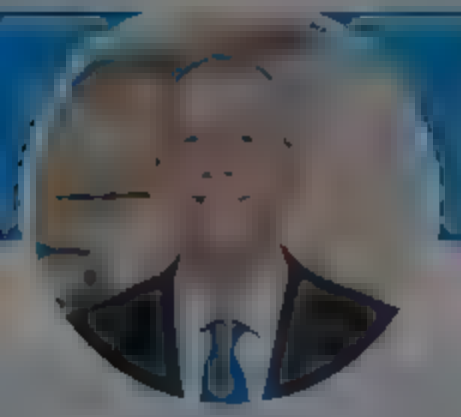
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@M Hem ngway "Amer cans want a strong mi itary but one that is extremely caut ous about getting nvolved n war And when war is ca led for, Americans want a clear strategy, part cular outcomes that are being sought, & an exit strategy that is...1/2

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far shorter than, for example, our 19 years in Afghanistan." 2/2

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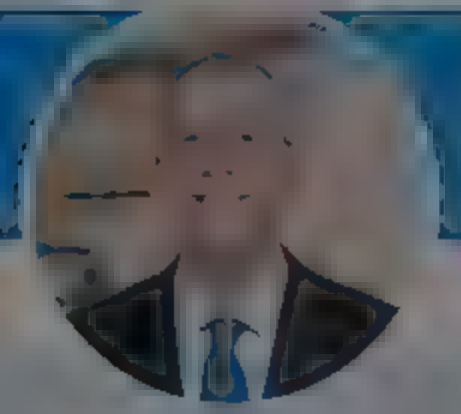
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@NHLBruins really missing Rask.

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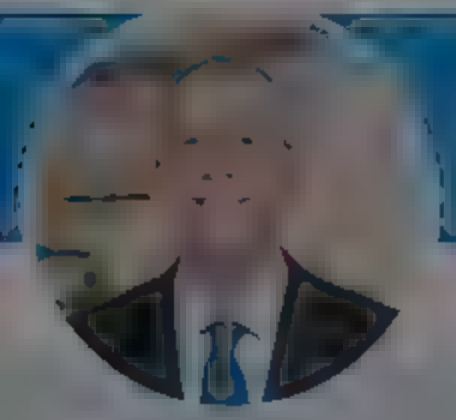
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Dunking on Ken Waltz is so easy for many IR-types. But they underrate just how alive he was as a thinker and how valuable his work was even when wrong to progress in the discipline. Study him or suffer. Ditto for many other giants in the field: Morgenthau, Huntington, etc.

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Replying to @brucebrownkings

Lots of great cities around world, esp Paris, Hong Kong, Vienna, Rome, and Florence. But I'm giving some love to 2 great American cities: Boston & New Orleans. Small cities are underrated: Lucca, Heidelberg, Rothenberg, Aix-en-Provence, Portsmouth (NH), Antigua among many others.

7:53 PM · 27 Sep 2020

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And should have found a place somewhere for Fez.

M Sultan @MasoodSultan · 2h

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Boston has surprisingly become a spot for foodies

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Ambassador von Brandt @EvonAmbAFG · 5m

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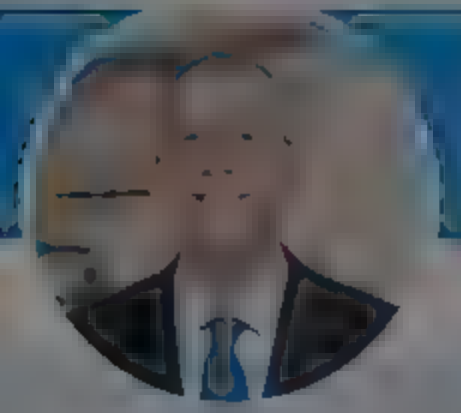
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Witt…er than a lot of the e…ect…on coverage we'…l be hearing today. Trol…ey problem meets current events…n Netherlands. Wel…done.

Cosmo Wenman @CosmoWenman

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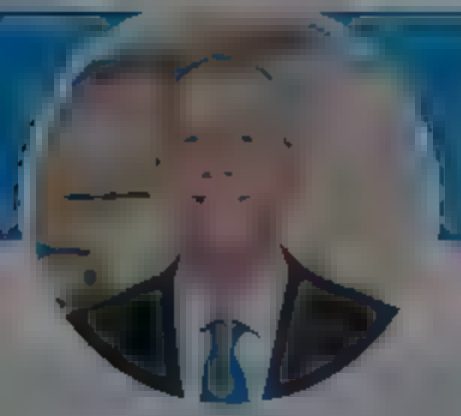
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Without @mookiebetts .....



Red Sox @RedSox

He's back.

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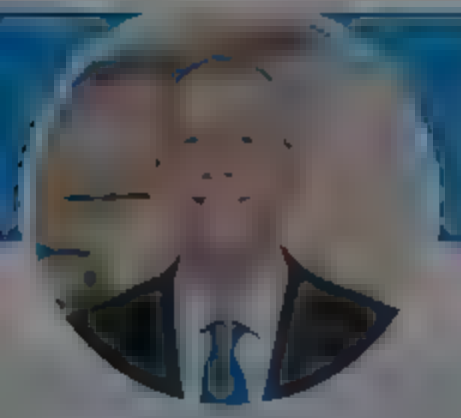
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Lots of faith in extended deterrence on display....

> **Tom Wright** @thomaswright08
> Biden starting out on a sound footing on Asia policy asia.nikkei.com/Politics/Inter

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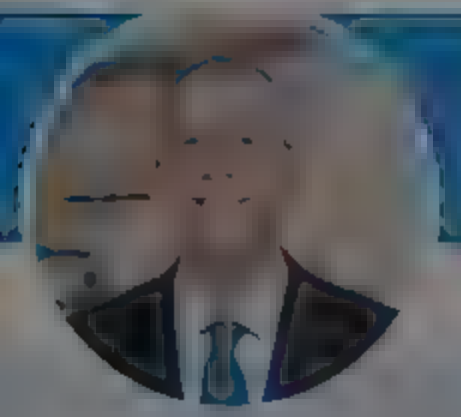
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"Precipitous" is word we'll have to remember the next time there is rush to get us into a war. But guess that Blob will have forgotten word by then & will argue, as we've seen before, "it is time to act" & that we are "fiddling while X country burns."

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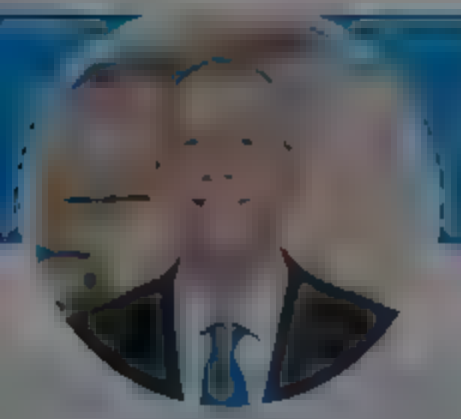
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Thomas Dong @curlyhairbob · 22 Min.

Hey @CatoInstitute, @JasonSorens, & @W[illegible]Ruger,
since the local elections are over and the propositions for each states have voted on, when will there be an update? #FreedomInthe50states

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Antwort an @curlyhairbob @CatoInstitute @JasonSorens

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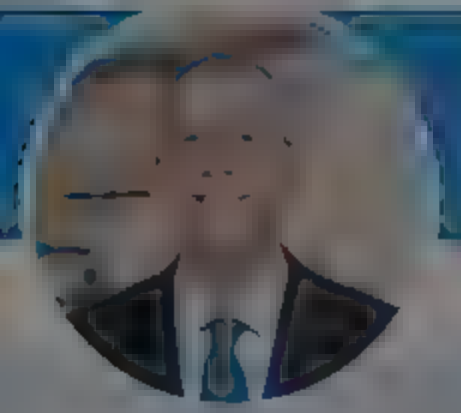
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Many people answer this question in career terms. Easy answer for me in that vein would be twitter ess Bob Art courses on USFP or IR Theory

But, better answer would also consider whole of life...,1/2

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Antwort an @WilRuger @...zWFab

Therefore, I'm going to say:

JW Jones who nurtured a love of classical history that remains;

or

John Oakley who inspired and educated a love of classical art and architecture - and who introduced me to the wonders of red/black figure vase painting

@williamandmary @WMClassics

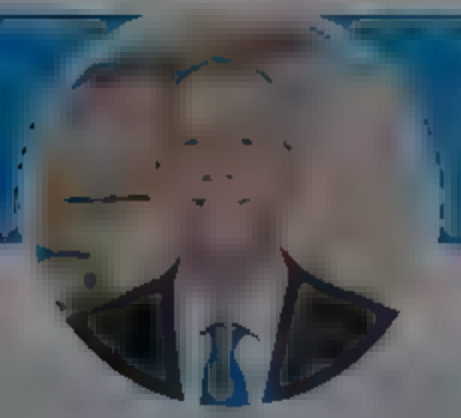
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Stanford professor here talking about realism like he has no idea what he's talking about. Show your math, professor!

> **Michael McFaul** @McFaul
> In the debate about the future Biden foreign policy I'm seeing people self-identify as "progressive realists." Where are the "progressive idealists"? Or the "pragmatic idealists?" Realism is an ideology that produced millions of deaths & horrific repression over the centuries.

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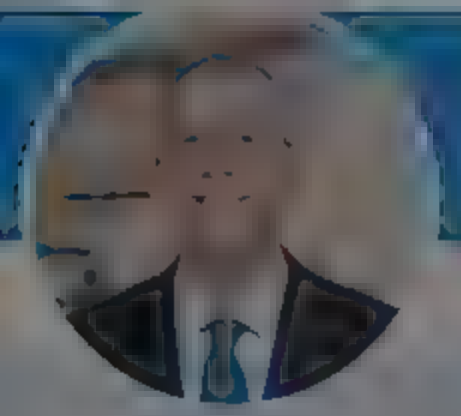
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Trying to ideal st ca ly remake the M ddle E ast was a ways part of the agenda And th s approach couldn't be further away from realism. Realism wasn't the prob em, it was the answer See

bear-left.com/archive/2002/0

(Your tenn s was amaz ng even if we d sagree here)

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@WilRuger

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Antwort an @WilRuger @Martina

Here's a great thread on this from international relations expert @PatPorter76

Patrick Porter @PatPorter76

Thread. On realism and Iraq. @McFaul, affronted that some in US progressive politics are calling for a "progressive realist" foreign policy, insists. realism is responsible for war and destruction over centuries, the Iraq war was realist, & his liberal values are innocent. 1/

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Antwort an @DonaldJTrumpJr

Thanks @DonaldJTrumpJr for sharing this. And thanks for working to promote greater realism and restraint in our foreign policy. This is actually the best way to support the troops - not keeping them mired in unnecessary wars.

19:46 · 17 Nov 2020

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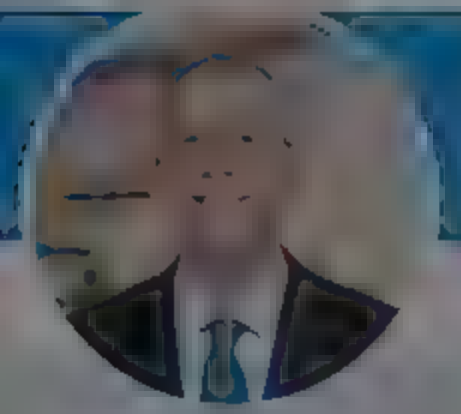
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Yes, such a coa t on s possible. For real sm and restra nt to become America s guid ng light n grand strategy, we w li have to avoid foreign po icy becoming politica ly polarizing. Washington s Great Ru e, containment, and pr macy were long lived and had b partisan support. 1/

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@W Ruger

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vastauksena kaytta e @W Ruger @Profetecratt a 5 muu le

2/ That being said, it has to be inviting beyond populists and progressives. Fortunately, the ideas are powerful to average Americans: greater prudence abroad, keep sons/daughters out of war, attack cronyism in nat sec, reduce/end risk due to extended security commitments, etc

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3/ When Kristo tweets about "GOP delenda est," it is great. Keep it up. B/c it only a ienates @GOP and de egitim zes neoconservatism in their eyes. But will most Dems really want that to be part of their future? I doubt it. So an solated neoconservatism wi be good for both

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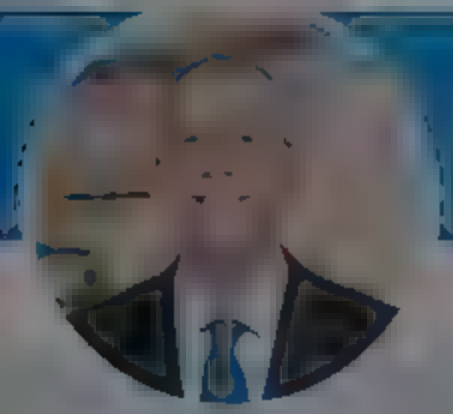
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What does "competence" mean? Is it divorced from outcomes one helps drive, especially the big ones? The right degrees? The right jobs? Can anyone affiliated with the worst decisions of the last 20 years (Iraq, Libya, AFG nation-building) truly be said to be competent?

14:49 · 21. Nov. 2020

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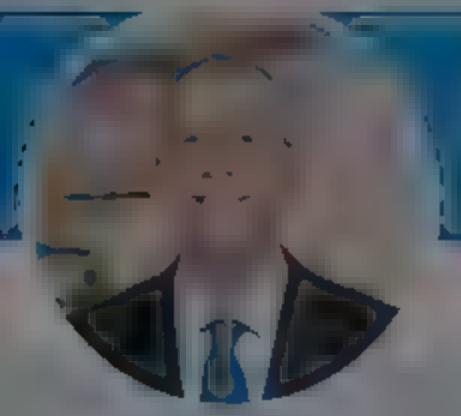
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Tom Moore, Nuclear-Capable Wonk @PaperMissiles · 7 Min.

If serving in government leaves anyone +without+ blame or mistakes, I beg to request when, where, and how it was that took place. Standing astride all and complaining is not a tenable ideology

> **William Ruger** @WilRuger
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Antwort an @PaperMissiles

Read the thread.

18:11 · 2. Nov. 2020

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Tom Moore, Nuclear-Capable Wonk @PaperMissiles · 4 Sek.
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I did. It didn't impress me

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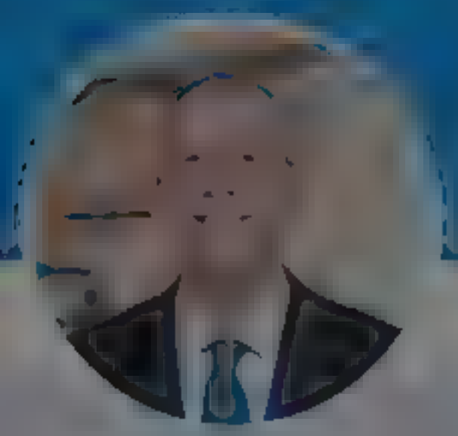
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"We must prioritize our focus on readiness for rapid, large-scale activation in accordance with our Fleet
Design over ad hoc operational support and IA mobilizations."

Chief of Navy Reserve @USNavyCNR
Sh pmates, CYM , ast week I released my #NavyReserveFight ngInstructions2020 chang ng the way we design, train and mob l ze the @Navy Reserve to become #WarfightingReady Please read the entire message at: bit.ly/33f72II

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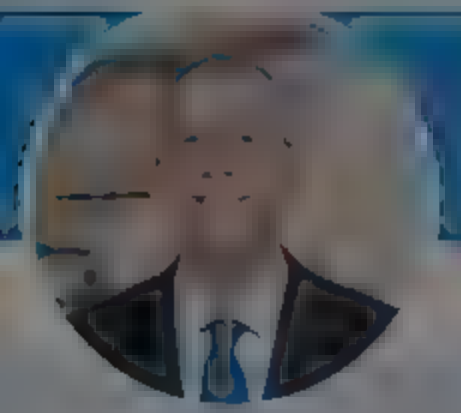
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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetris · 4 Std

But what about security for the Somali parliamentary elections?!?!?!

William Ruger
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Antwort an @DanDePetris

Young American boys and girls hoping to join the military dream of someday securing elections in far away lands fractured by rival clans.

17:35 · 4. Dez. 2020

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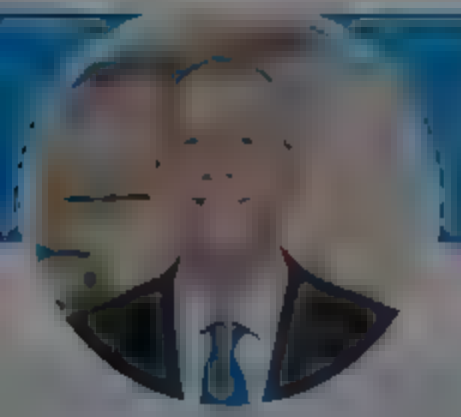
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Josh Shifrinson @shifrinson · 24 Std

Would a book on the functions, logic, and method of archival research for political (social?) science(s) be useful?

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Antwort an @shifrinson

Not your comparative advantage! (And this is a compliment).

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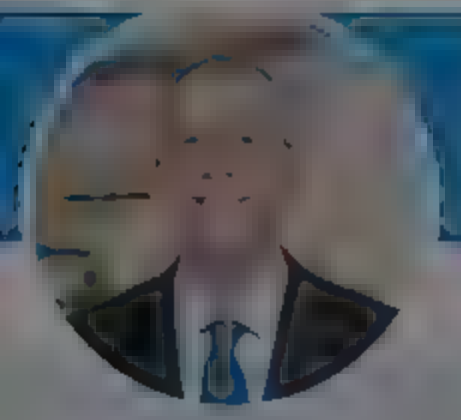
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Just wanted to thank leaf blower companies and their customers in my neighborhood for making it harder for me to think today and to contribute as effectively in my online meetings. But yes, I know that raking wouldn't give you as much time to do what you need to do. #leafblowers

11:44 · 7. Dez. 2020

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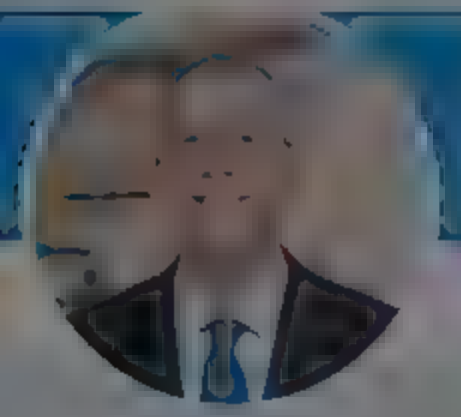
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William Ruger @WilRuger · 1 Std

Did McMaster really just claim that those who favor restraint and ending endless wars are "alt-right realists"? Or did I mishear?

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Josh Shifrinson @shifrinson · 1 Std

Where was this?

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@WilRuger

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Antwort an [redacted]

Jamestown Foundation event?

08:39 · 8. Dez. 2020

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Josh Shifrinson @shifrinson · 1 Std

Antwort an [redacted]

ooof. If he said as much, it's just embarrassingly crude and ignorant. He knows better. Suggesting as much is a most...a dereliction of duty

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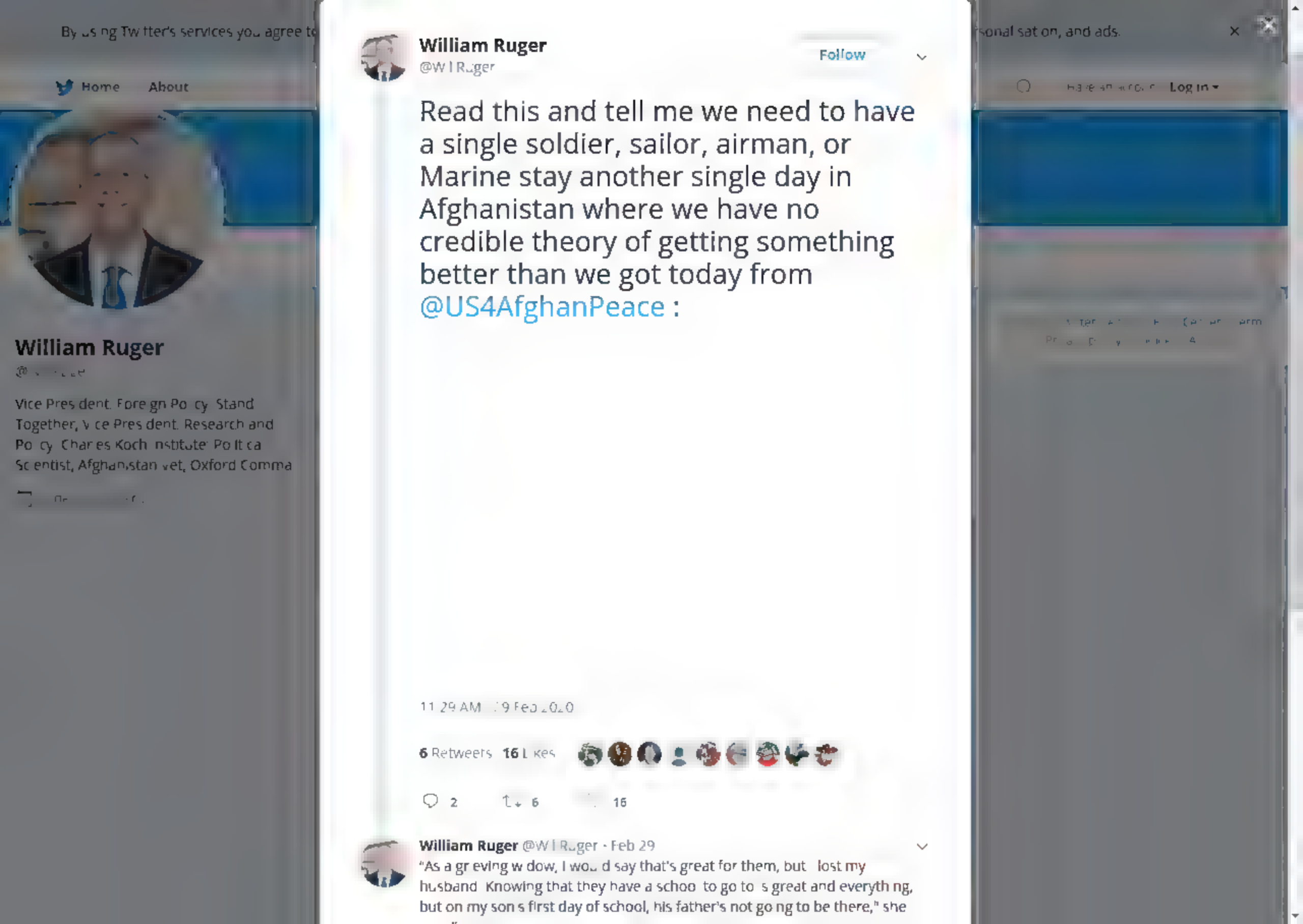
Justin Logan @[redacted] · 1 Std

The man is all about empathy, guys. He could teach you about empathy. C'mon.

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William Ruger @W l Ruger · Feb 29
"As a gr eving w dow, I wo d say that's great for them, but lost my husband Knowing that they have a schoo to go to s great and everyth ng, but on my son s first day of school, his father's not go ng to be there," she
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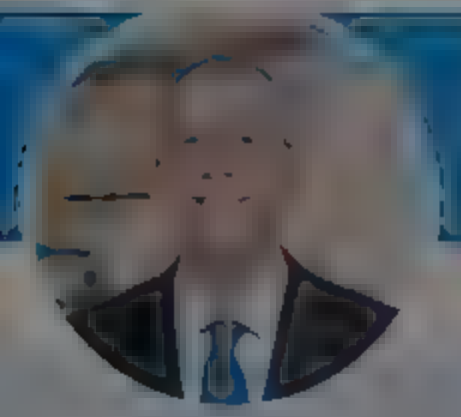
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Patrick Porter @PatPorter76 · 3 Std

Biden's presidency will present a significant test of realism on one big issue. Given contrast between international structural pressure of China's bid for hegemony, & Bidenists' ambivalence, fidelity and links (thus far) to a conflict averse Wall St & Silicon Valley

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 5 Min

Structural pressure not as severe as in typical historical analogies owing to nuclear revolution, stopping power of water, some serious internal weaknesses that will drag on China's power, and other factors. But domestic variables pushing hard in that direction buttress...1/2

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Antwort an @WilRuger @PatPorter76

...the structural one, thus leading to similar outcome. These include MIC, establishment views about America's role in world and nature of IR, political incentives, etc. Still, China is more important focus of USFP than other areas/countries of world, like Middle East & Russia.

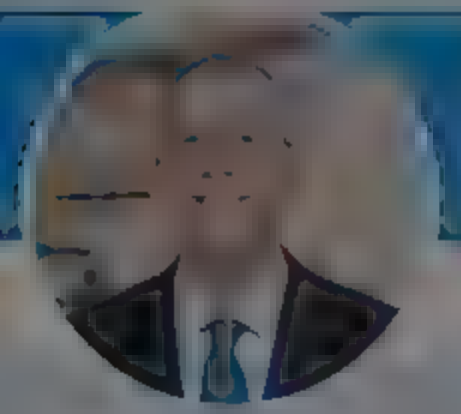
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Antwort an @_Schroden

Pretty important omission.....

00:05 · 10. Dez. 2020

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Dr. Jonathan Schroden @_Schroden · 4 Sek.

Antwort an @W_Ruger

Especially since he also calls for @US4AfghanPeace to be kept on - nothing like making his job waaaay harder than it is already

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President Trump says Israel and Morocco have agreed to normalize relations.

As part of the deal, the U.S. will recognize Morocco's claim over the disputed Western Sahara region.

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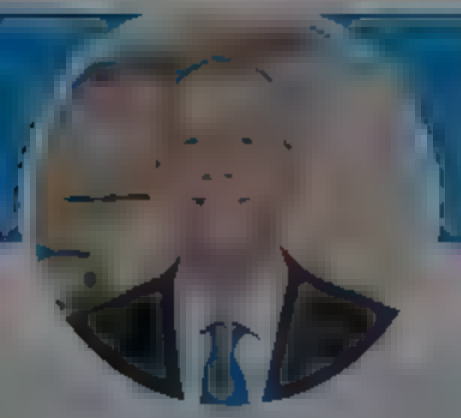
Name is Bishop @BishesBrew · 2 M
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Trump has no right to recognize the "disputed Western Sahara." Those people don't agree

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Gil and Sam vs Stavridis.....

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Tim Carney @TPCarney 4h
Make an all-time World Series lineup—8 positions, 4 starting pitchers, 1rh reliever, one lh, one closer, DH optional. For each player pick one World Series. For instance, "Jack Morris 1991"

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William Ruger @W_Ruger 4h
If you truly need "staring" pitchers, then look no further than Al Hrabosky. Recall his mound behavior, including his stare down of batters.

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Sean Giovanello @daysbetweenus 13m
The Mad Hungarian if I remember correctly

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@WmRuger
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Replying to @daysbetweenus @TPCarney

But just realized he never appeared in WS. Only NLCS. Still, the best mound stare!

12:08 PM · 15 Nov 2021

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Zack Beauchamp @zackbeauchamp · Nov 12

1. In light of this Washington Post mess, it occurs to me it might make sense to briefly explain what Kant's view of reason actually was and why it matters that the American right is butchering it so badly

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William Ruger @WilRuger Nov 12

Can we not generalize to the "American right" when it is particular individuals?

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Vintage Tom @VintageTom2

Good point. But don't you think it's a shame that the only "individuals" on the right who can name Kant don't understand what he said? Do you think Marjorie Taylor Greene or Madison Cawthorn cares about the philosophical underpinnings of the Age of Reason?

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Replying to @VintageTom2 @zackbeauchamp

It is shame we have an educational system & culture that means very few, left or right, have any inkling of Kant's contributions/thoughts. This problem exists not just for the average Joes but elites and those who dominate the commanding heights. But plenty on Right do know Kant.

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This essay by @CaitlinPacific certainly is a beautiful one, even if it does stimulate some melancholy.

> **Jeffrey Goldberg** @JeffreyGoldberg
> A beautiful essay from @CaitlinPacific theatlantic.com/healthcarchive.

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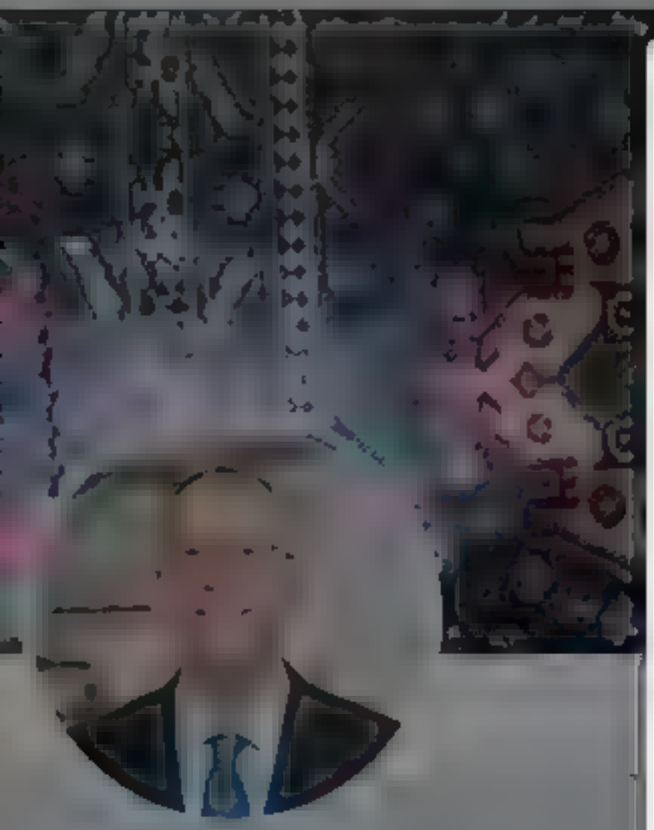
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Jonathan H. Adler @jadler1969 1h

Why not, you know, pass legislation ending federal prohibition?

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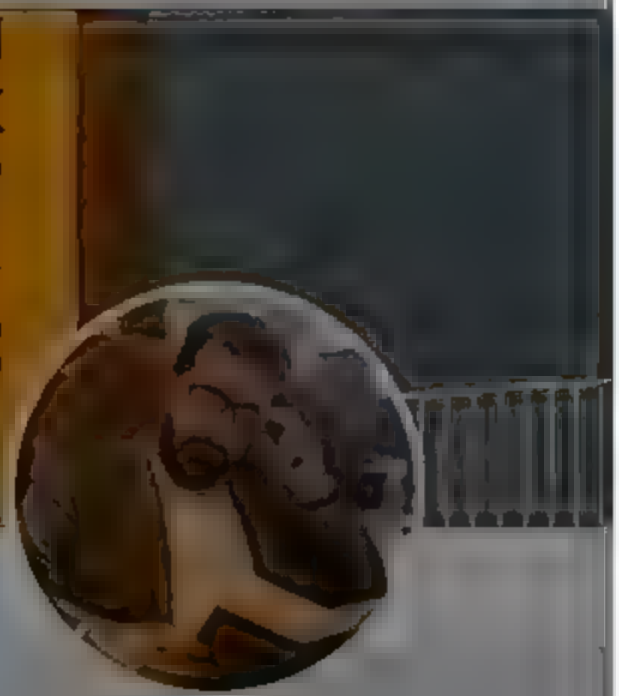
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After the Taliban captured Kabul on August 15th, there were incidents where the republic flag was lowered & removed in many places. The next couple of days there were demonstrations in many cities in support of the republic flag (which the T Bquickly suppressed).

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To the surprise of everyone it was in Khost province that a Taliban senior leader (Haqqani affiliate) went ahead & put the the republic flag in front of his car & ordered his men to to erate the flag until the leadership decides on a new flag

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Southern Afghanistan did not tolerate the republic flag, neither did any other

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Emma Ashford added,

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For the record, the US has repeatedly refused to discuss proposals to ban anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons, partly out of fear that any agreement would constrain missile defenses (which are basically the same thing) and partly because we have our own ASATs. We chose this.
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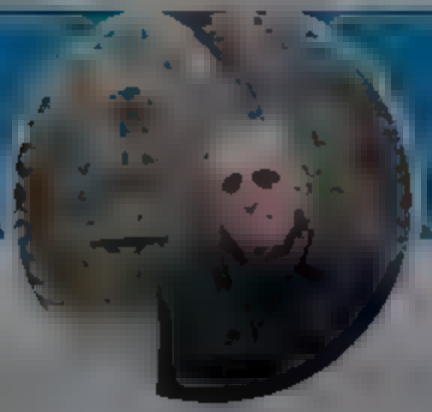
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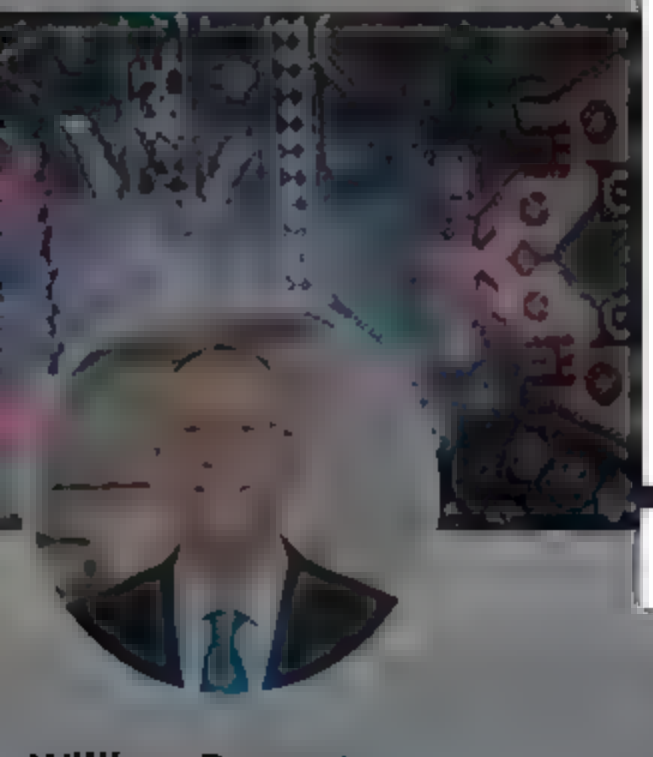
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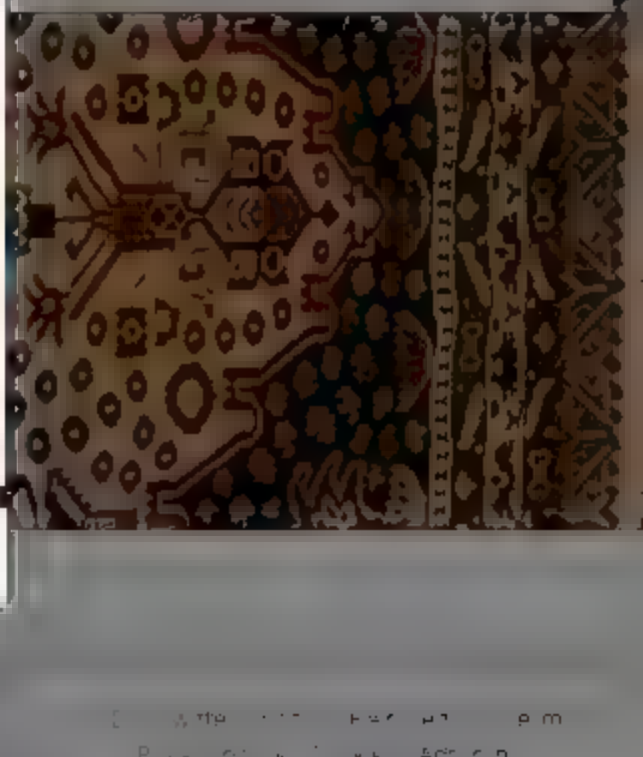
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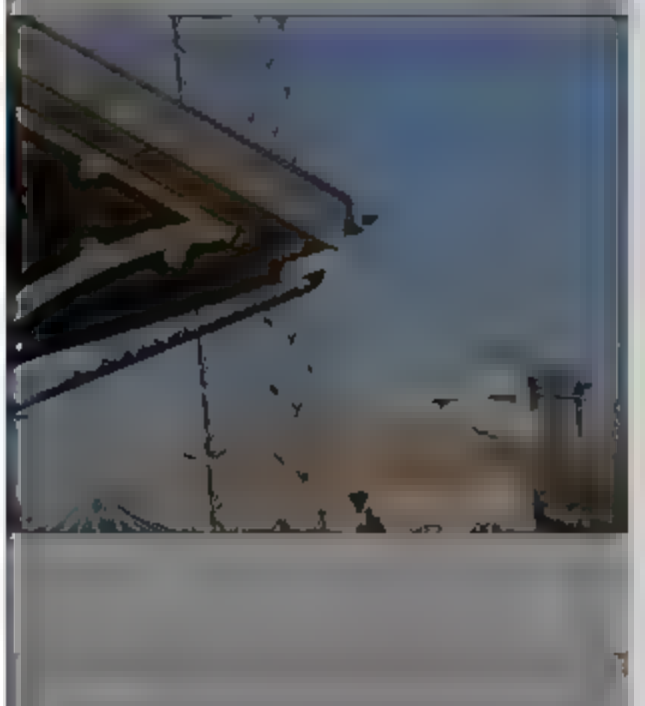
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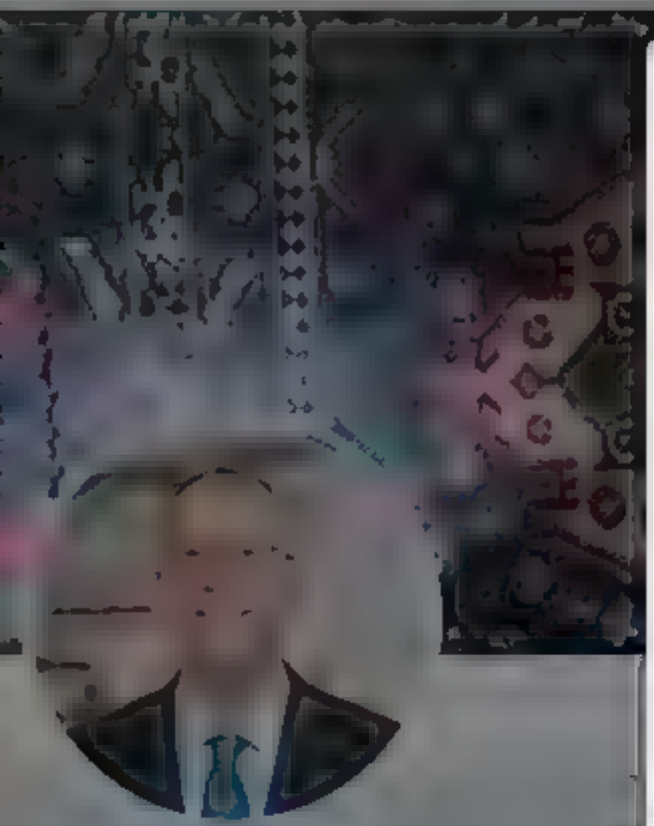
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This could have been said every day since Friedman left Rahway, NJ!

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David Weigel @daveweigel · 9m

We need to field test this. Have, like, John Boozman dress like Don Cherry for a week and see if anybody writes about it.

> **Seung Min Kim** @seungminkim
> In a @nytimes letter to editor, Sens. Susan Collins, Jeanne Shaheen, Lisa Murkowski call coverage of @kyrstensinema's fashion choices "sexist"
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> "We cannot imagine The Times printing similar pieces on the fashion...
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Or even if someone had the fashion panache of @JacobHeilbrunn

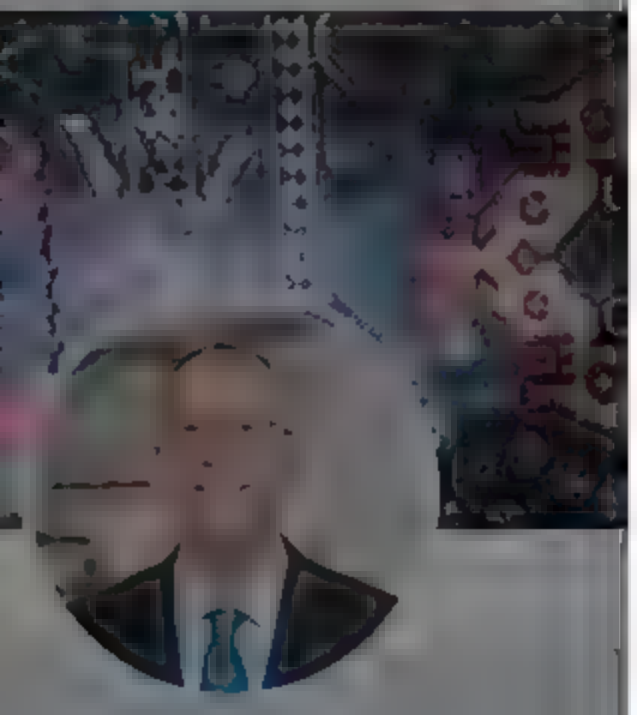
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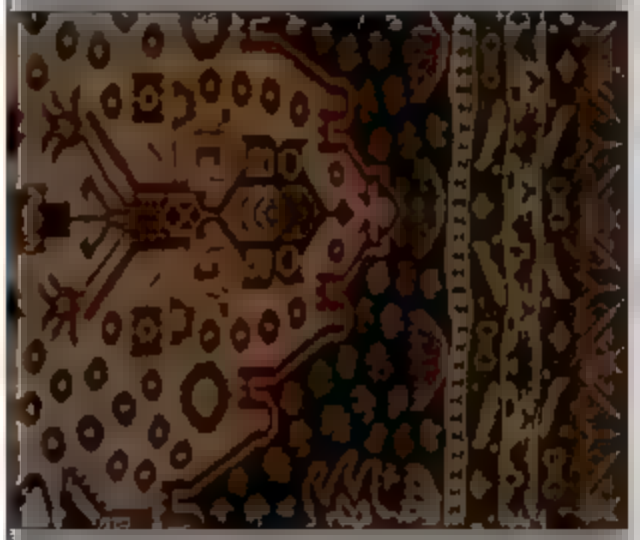
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Maybe Casey's best tweet ever.

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> You know what never crossed state l nes? Fl burn's wheat. Yet here we are
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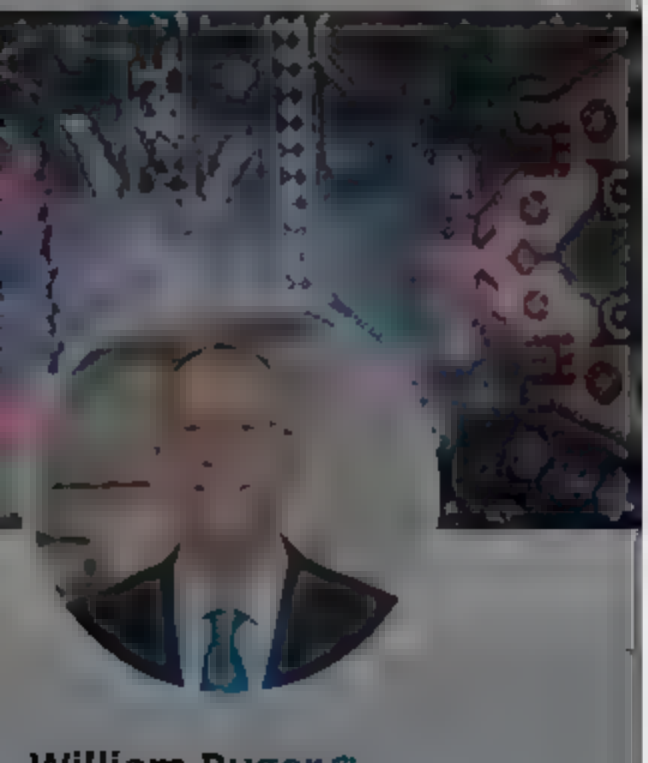
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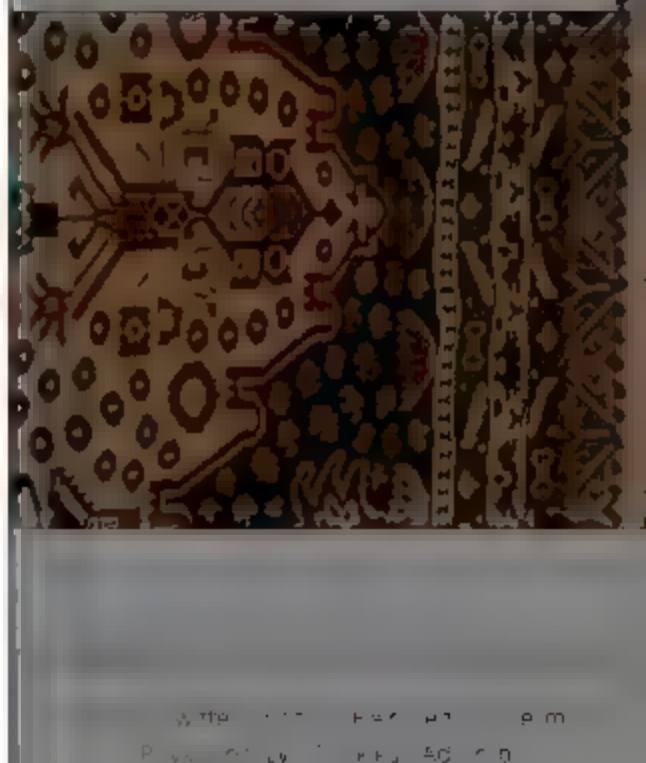
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This requires no commentary. It speaks for itself. HT: @asymmetricinfo

> **Women's March** @womensmarch
> We apologize deeply for the email that was sent today. $14.92 was our average donation amount this week. It was an oversight on our part to not make the connection to a year of colonization, conquest, and genocide for Indigenous people, especially before Thanksgiving.

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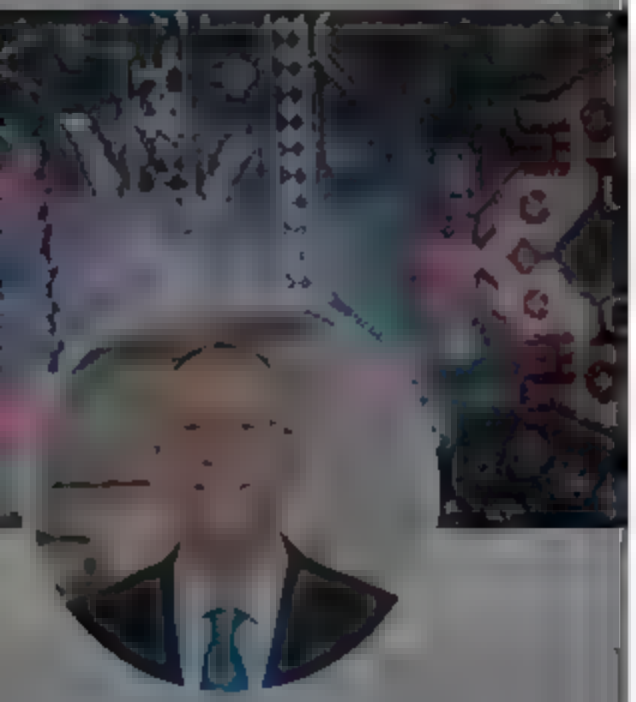
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I might spend my Thanksgiving looking for evidence of the Saddam-AQ pre-9/11 alliance, especially the Atta-Iraq connection.

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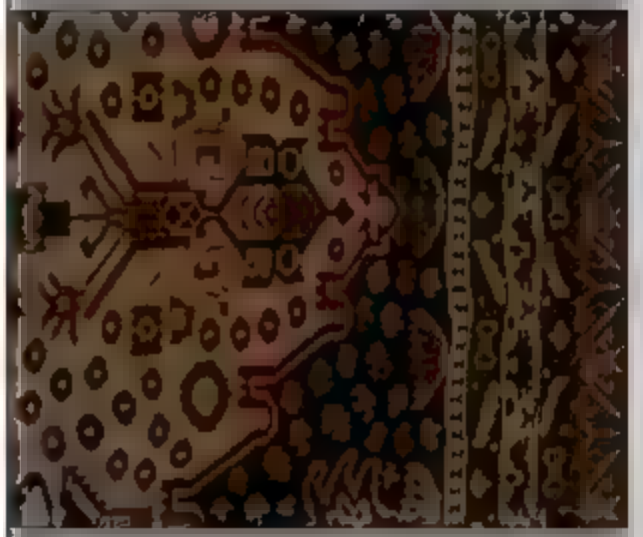
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Sean Giovanello @daysbetweenus · 15h

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Isn't the bigger takeaway from this that many folks presumed grand terrorism could not happen without state sponsorship? I seem to remember there was circumstantial evidence linking Ramzi Yousef to Iraq. It turned out



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(Which state is the freest in the country?)

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Great question! We'll be announcing results of our freedom index soon

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Sorry, #NewYork, it definitely won't be you. But will you keep your spot as the least free state in the Union?

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Michael Tolhurst @MikeTolhurst 16h

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Jersey's time to shine ? 😂

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Well see But not exactly the state that emulates the teachings of its (sort of) native son Milton Friedman

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Kingston Reif @KingstonAReif · 24h

Personal news. On Monday I will begin a new job as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Threat Reduction and Arms Control at the Pentagon. I'm honored and thrilled to be joining the Biden administration and thankful for the past 7 wonderful years at @armscontrolnow

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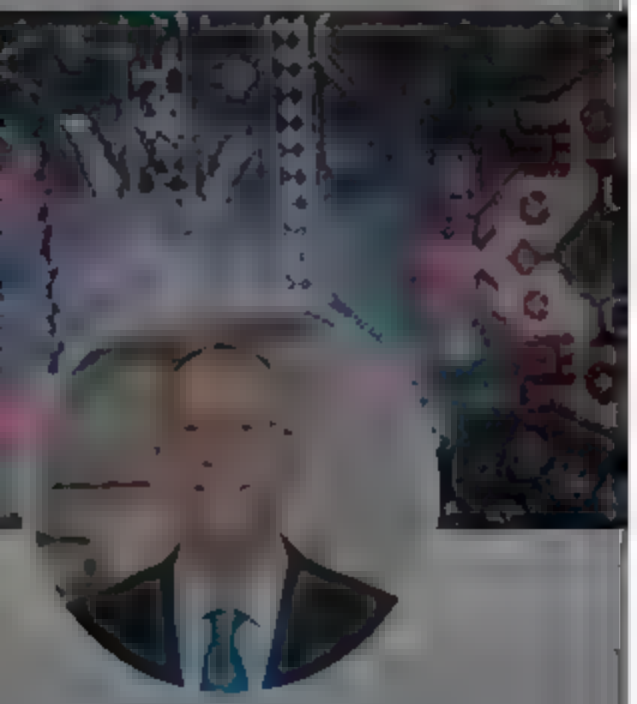
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So the CIA can release information about a recent President and potential future political candidate but the government still wants to keep 60 year information about Kennedy secret?

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We've already lost faith in whichever US Agency it was that was complicit in the assassination

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Changing your last name to Freedom or Peace makes you look silly, not principled or serious.

I'm for both freedom and peace (and have spent big chunks of my career promoting them), but don't see changing your name accomplishing anything other than looking unserious.

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He can have the word "freedom" on his jersey now

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William Ruger @W l Ruger · Nov 28
Changing your last name to Freedom or Peace makes you ook s ly, not principled or serious.

I'm for both freedom and peace (and have spent b g chunks of my career promoting them), but don't see changing your name accomp ishing anything other than ooking unserious

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William Ruger @W l Ruger · Nov 28
Imagine W liam Rea ism or W l iam Restra nt. Would be absurd

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Sean Giovanello @daysbetweenus · Nov 28
You could just go for the go d and change to Neo Rea ism

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@W l Ruger

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Replying to @daysbetweenus

Winner.

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Chip Roy @ch proyTx

And anyone (of e ther party) who votes for it rather than demand ng we either a) end the draft, or b) pul th s provision out expanding the draft to women is not someone I can support. #DontDraftOurDaughters or #EndTheDraft twitter com/USATODAY/statu ..

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And as Americans learn more about what it might cost to add another security dependent (and the increase in the risk of costly war with Russia), we should see support for NATO expansion to include Ukraine decline.

> **François Heisbourg** @FHeisbourg
> Newton an physics of action-reaction may apply in geopolitics...
> twitter.com/myroslavapetsa...

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Emma Ashford @EmmaMAshford · 11h

So since we decided last week on Twitter that great powers aren't permitted spheres of influence, I'm guessing this is ok? Or...

> **Michael M. Phillips** @MPhillipsWSJ
> EXCLUSIVE: China wants to put its first Atlantic Ocean military base in Equatorial Guinea, U.S. intelligence shows. Chinese warships rearming and refitting opposite the U.S. East Coast is a five-alarm scenario for the Pentagon and White House. wsj.com/articles/china... via @WSJ

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Robert Manning @Rmanning4 · 10m

No, it's other great powers that it applies to

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Replying to @Rmanning4 @EmmaMAshford

And some people claim the term "primacy" when used by restrainers is normative (negative) not descriptive.

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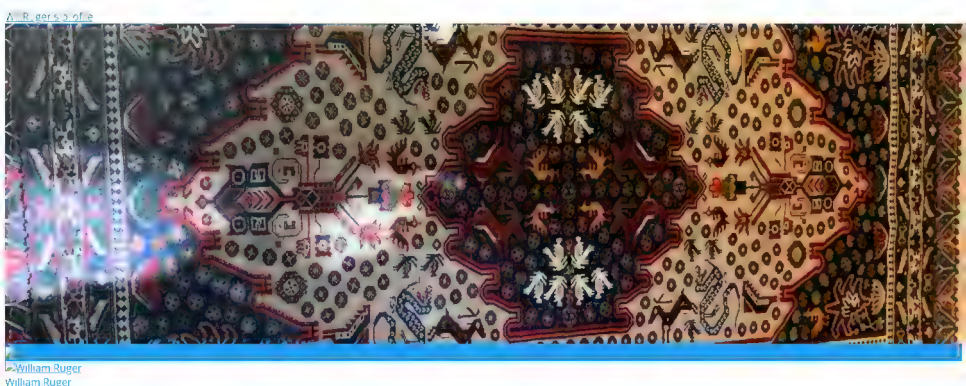
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Another words, this is more of the same from American foreign policy establishment - and brought to you by the authors of Iraq War, Libya War, trillion $ netsec budgets, & guy who said we have to tolerate a Vietnam War & an Iraq War every so often as price of doing primacy https://twitter.com/profpaulpoast/status/1467181198119391811...

William Ruger added,

Paul Poast @ProfPaulPoast
The "Summit for Democracy" starts this week. But it's not a "Summit" and it's not about "Democracy". [THREAD]
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If noth ng else, COV D has provided a great experiment in the Anglosphere to see where people stand on the liberty vs secur ty matrix.

I'm in the right place tw tter com/10newsfirstme

The med a could not be played

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@W Ruger

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2nd freest state in the Union.

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Terry Teachout @TerryTeachout1 2h

Ton ght's lul aby was wr tten and is sung by Aimee Mann It is, as always for Cheril, who s (pra se be) on the way here for the weekend See you a l soon

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Damon Linker @DamonLinker 1h

I've oved A mee Mann since the ate 80s. So many great songs.

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@WilRuger

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Reply ng to @Damon nker @TerryTeachout1

Even did a Rush song!

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freedom, free markets, & sound money

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William Ruger @WilRuger 11s

I want to thank @CKInstitute, @ckochfoundation, & @standtogether for being such great homes over last eight yrs. When I left a tenured job in academia for Washington, I didn't quite appreciate how great it would end up being and types of opportunities I would have to advance...

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William Ruger @WilRuger 11s

...discussions around welfare reform, individual freedom, toleration, sound public safety/C_R, and especially Realism & Restraint in USFP, among others.

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William Ruger @WilRuger 11s

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William Ruger @WilRuger 10s

The AFG withdrawal fight was a particular highlight

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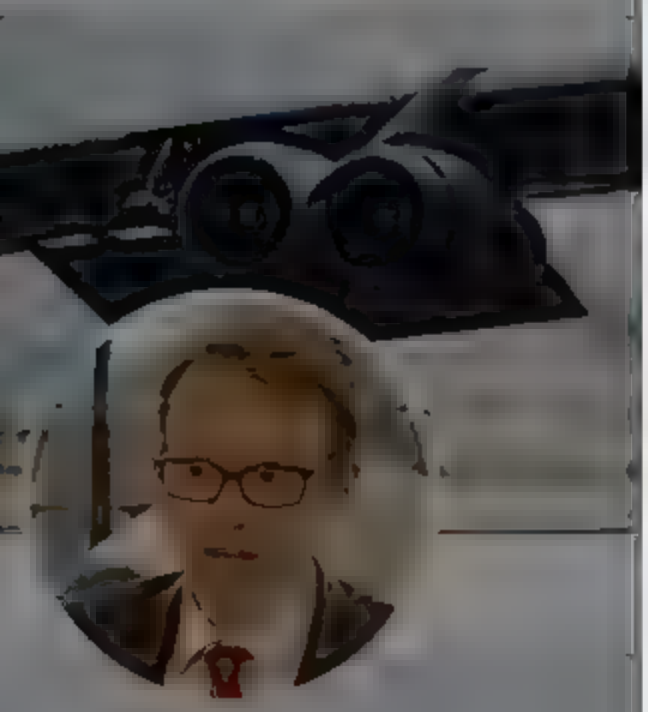
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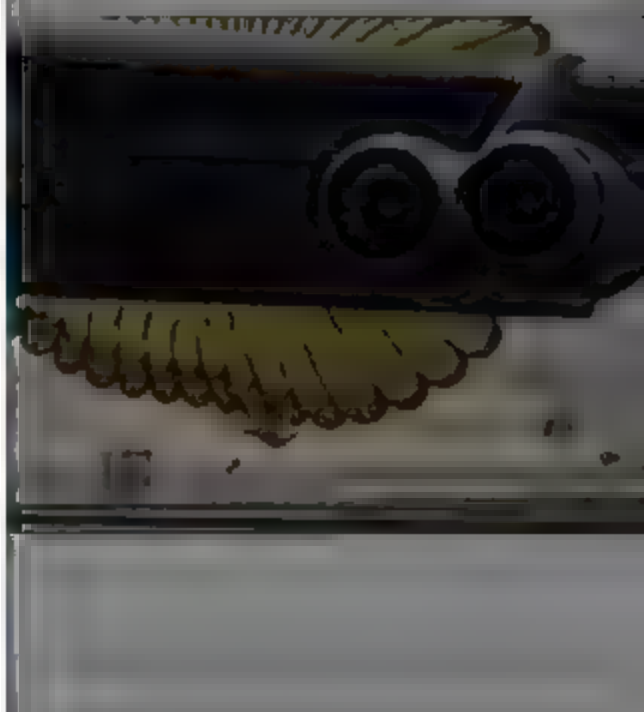
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Big news in the foreign policy world. @WillRuger has been a champion of the @gasociety from day one and will continue to serve on our board, where his insights have been invaluable. Fair winds and following seas!

> **William Ruger** @WillRuger
> Pleased to report I will be joining the American Institute for Economic Research as its next president. I look forward to leading @aier & working with its team of scholars/staff to develop/promote ideas of individual freedom, free markets, & sound money
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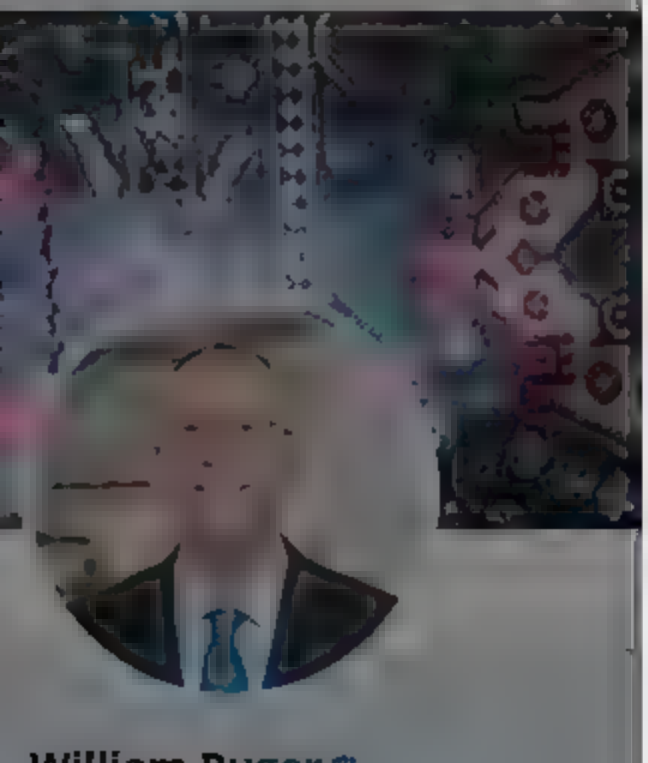
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Great opportunity to spend time with @CastilloJasen and @john_schuessler!!

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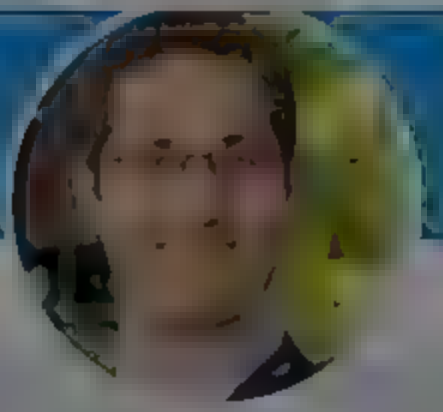
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Associate Professor of R, Boston Un vers ty Proud product of the Garden State Snark, d p omatic h story and IR theory (In some order). Tweet ng for myse f

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I had a similar reaction. It's fascinating that many analysts have attributed PRC & Rus aggression to (a) rising power, (b) declining power, and/or (c) their domestic systems, while ignoring/discounting the possibility that some of the problem may be US foreign policy.

> **Gal Luft**
> n the Wash ngton b ob there are two dominant doctrines: 1 China is getting stronger ra sing the risk of war. 2. Ch na is getting weaker ra sing the risk of war. It doesn't matter which one is true as ong as they get their war.

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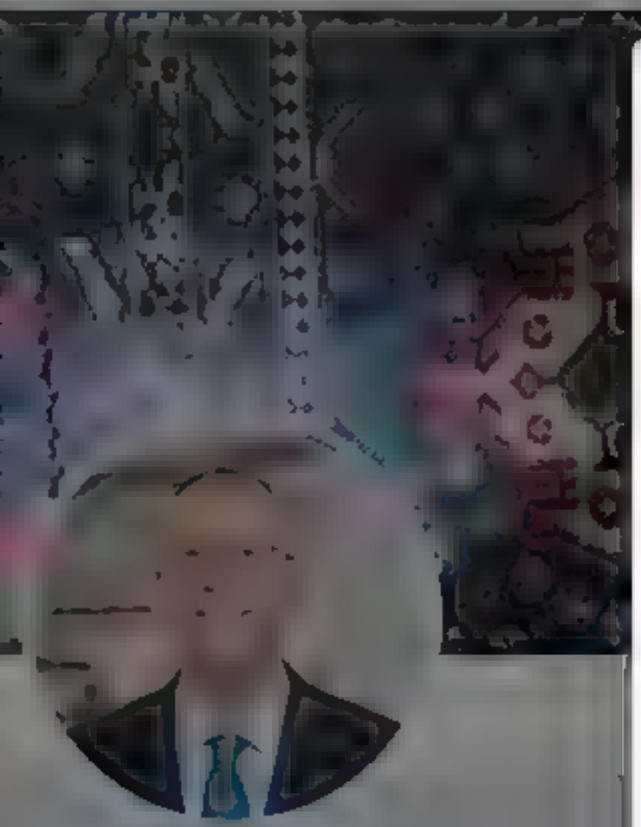
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Compare these results from @YouGov poll on #Ukraine with earlier ones from @ChicagoCouncil. 1/

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2/ I had preregistered my sense that these results wouldn't hold up if the question were worded differently. See @ProfPaulPoast tweet and my replies.

> **Paul Poast** @ProfPaulPoast
> Useful context following Biden-Putin meeting: July @ChicagoCouncil survey found that 50% of public support using troops to stop a [redacted] invasion of [redacted] Though a toss-up, it's a notable increase since

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3/ Fortunately, I was able to test my sense by putting a new poll into the field focused on Ukraine and related issues around Europe and US FP, using a legit 3rd party to conduct it in @YouGov.

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4/ And the poll found

"A plurality of respondents (48%) would oppose going to war with Russia should it invade Ukraine. Only 27% would favor going to war, and 24% indicated they didn't know."

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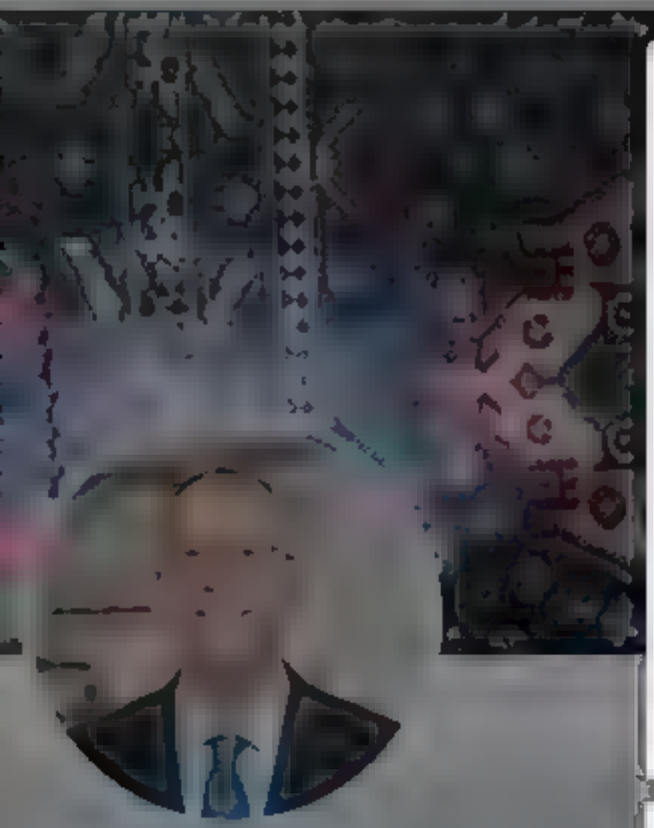
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> **Daniel McCarthy** @TonyAnarchist
> Loving an early look at @stevenfhayward 's bio of M Stanton Evans for @EncounterBooks . Includes one of my favorite Evans remarks: "A paleoconservative is a conservative who has been mugged by a neoconservative "

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2/ For example, OEF was directly connected to the terrible terrorist attacks of 9/11. It was also justified by the national interest & even just war theory (for those who would prefer that to realism as guiding light for use of mil force)

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3/ Iraq was not connected to 9/11 or AQ - and Iraq War linkage by the Bush admin & neoconservatives was an info op at home and abroad that we shouldn't buy into. War was aimed at regime change for a deeply ideological FP agenda rather than vs. anti-American terrorism per se.

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4/ We can still honor sacrifices of Iraq vets w/ a monument despite the war being mistake & unjust fled on realist/nat interests or JWT grounds. But need not be linked to AFG/OEF or featured on Mall. And if there, putting Iraq near Vietnam would be interesting statement...

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 5m

5/ Leaving that aside, aren't we at risk of cluttering National Mall, esp with war memorials, if we haven't done so already? We can have national memorials outside of DC or in other parts of NCR. The Marine Corps Memorial is great ex. of wonderful monument that isn't on the Mall

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6/ Respecting the required period of reflection after end of conflicts also valuable. Some emotional distance and greater knowledge that comes with

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Yeah, don't think this group is interested in that.

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For reference, here is my tweet from yesterday:

> **William Ruger** @WmRuger
>
> I'm not a fan. There should be separate memorials to OEF (AFG plus other CT missions connected to AQ/ 9/11) and OIF (Iraq War). They were very separate fights in many ways and should be thought of differently by posterity. 1/ twitter.com/klandrganul/s.
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This triple-vaxxed former prof thinks this trade-off isn't wise and I'd oppose if on the faculty (or a G parent).

> **Michael Tracey** @mtracey
> Georgetown announced today that they're going remote again n January, and that triple-vaxxed students can only have meetings outs de in the freezing co d

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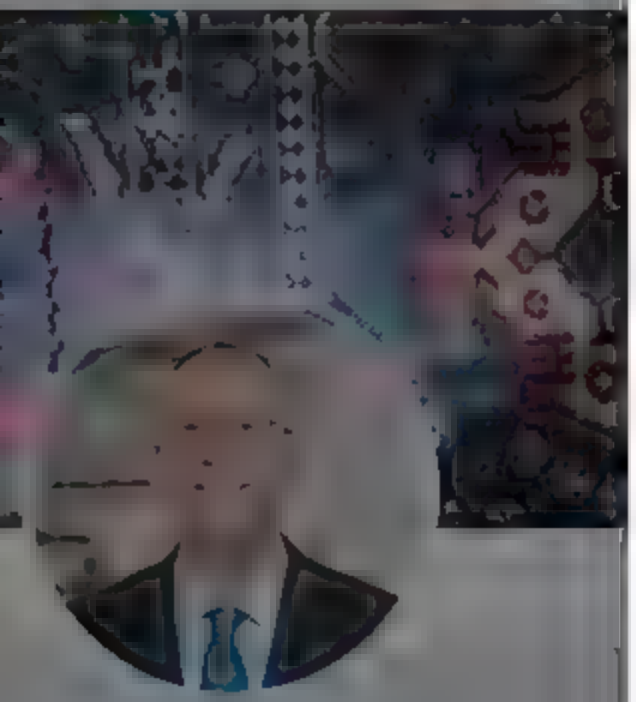
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Link Maxwell @LnkMxwl · 11m

If we do nothing to protect the Ukraine, we send a strong message to places like Taiwan that we will not protect them. We send a stronger message that calls from the US to abandon nuclear programs which won't be required because the US will keep you safe are baloney

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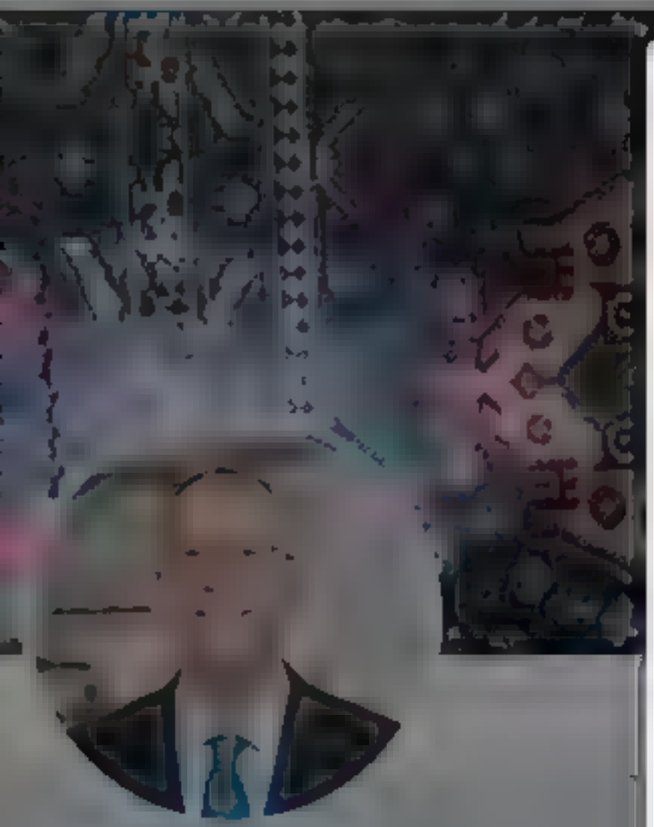
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The US, having gotten itself into a bind threatens to make things worse

> **CNN International** @cnn
> President Joe Biden to d Ukrainian President Vo odymyr Ze ensky on Sunday that the US and its al ies "wi l respond dec sively if Russia further nvades Ukraine," according to a readout of a cal between the two eaders provided by the Wh te House cnn.it/3sRo90E

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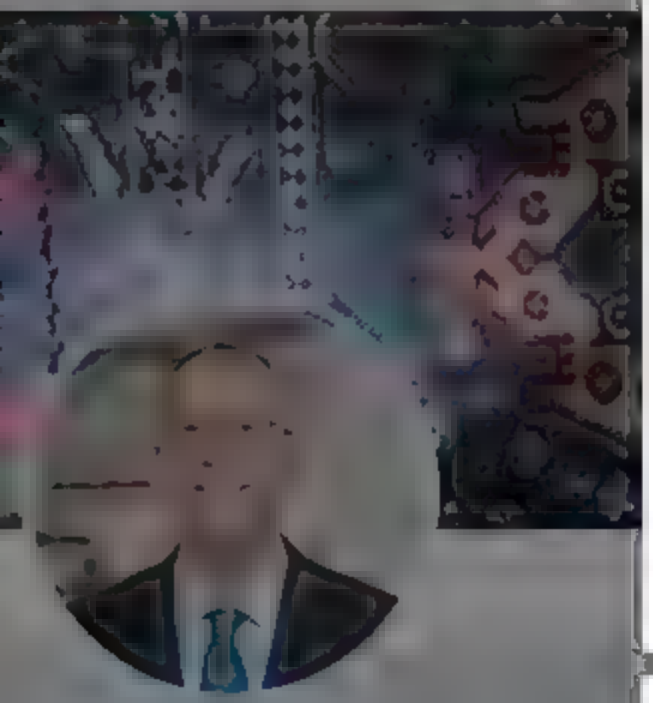
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Nice @CatoInstitute ad for "Freedom in the 50 States" in the newest print edition of @reason. @JasonSorens



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We pay respect only to the national interest. And we were sickened by what was wrought by those with the fancy resumes but a history of failure.

> **Tom Moore, Nuclear-Capable Wonk** @PaperMissi es
> am sick of th s nonsense. I am s ck of the attitude of this class of young, nexperienced members of the academic sa on c ass, the standard reply of whom s to sh rk our national and nternational duties, and not to pay some respect to the success we & our a l es have en oyed
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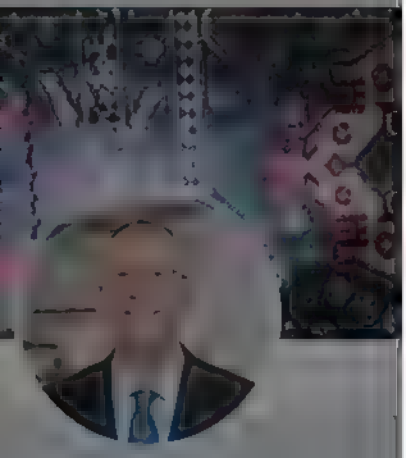
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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 25m
By contrast, no Rousseau, no Kant, no Tocqueville, etc.

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 21m
Does this matter? One could say no Rawls, no Nozick chapter 7 but that doesn't make Rawls part of the libertarian tradition!

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Shal Marriott @ShalMarriott · 19m
I think at this point it's important to ask what's required to be part of the tradition? How are we defining it?

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 15m
This is an important question since there is some value in understanding families of ideas and boundaries, both philosophically and in how philosophy travels to other realms (like politics). I'm not sure I have a good answer

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Now if we really wanted to have great debate about such things, let me ask whether Hobbes is liberal or part of liberal tradition. Was at Liberty Fund conference on just that theme. Lots of debate; no consensus; many of best Hobbes/liberalism scholars. @jtlevy might have been one

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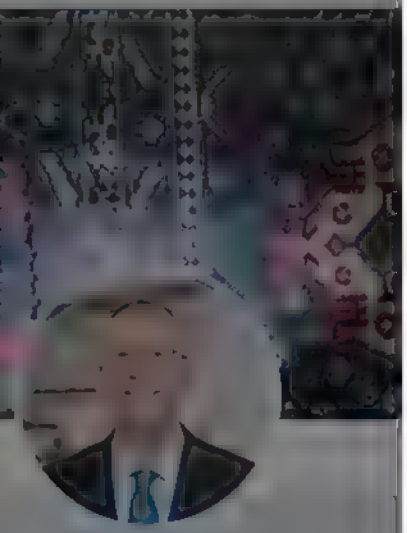
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It was amazing. Long live the Liberty Fund conference program!

Michael Tolhurst @MikeTolhurst · 1m
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Hmmm. That's an interesting question. What were the points of distinction debates? Hobbes seems to take the individual as the base unit of his political ontology, though his view of the Leviathan looks pretty authoritarian (Certainly not a supporter of free speech!)

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman 37m
Can t res st butting in here! IMO Rousseau is not a ibera per se, but is ibera adjacent in ways that both reflected proto-liberal influences and nfluenced undoubted l berals later on. He s *in* but not *of* the l beral trad tion, if that makes sense

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 31m
I ke "ibera adjacent" better than "in the l beral trad tion" the latter wou d be too expans ve a category to mean much once ibera ism takes root and mportant ph losophers of any type are in conversation with ibera ism and mpact undoubted liberals.

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 30m
Fair enough I mean as opposed to someone like Marx, who's n conversation with l beral sm but also clear y outs de the trad tion

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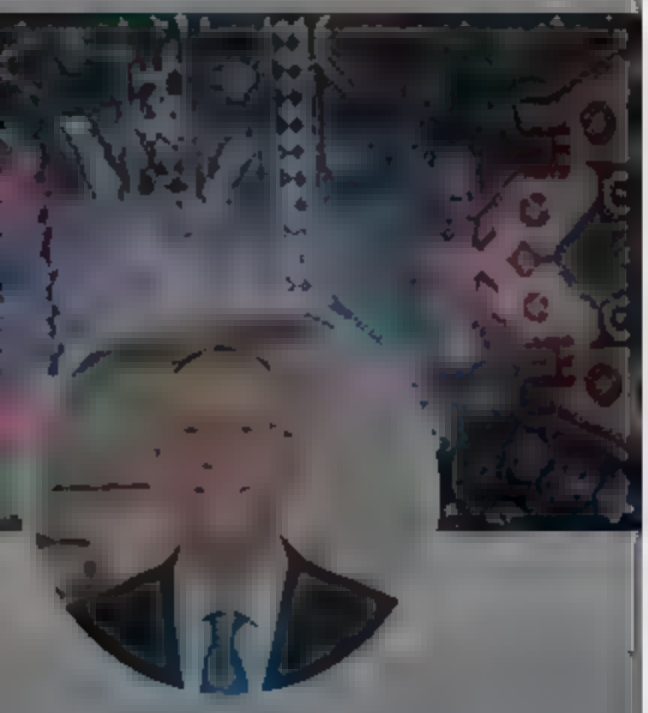
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Texas is actually less free than NH - and a lot less on personal freedom. So Texas should want to be the new #NH.

> **Anita Burroughs** @anitaburroughs
> @GovChrisSununu aligns with @JasonSorens and @freestatenh in a new article
> Be VERY concerned. #NH is the new Texas #nhpolitics
> cato.org/commentary/new

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> **Anita Burroughs** @nhrepburroughs
> @GovChr sSununu al gns w th @jasonSorens and @freestatenh in a new article. Be VERY concerned. #NH is the new Texas. #nhpol tics cato.org/commentary/new...

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Nick Gillespie @nickgi lesp e 8m

.ive free or die, but buy alcoho n state-run stores!

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At least prices are good. But alcohol freedom would be better.

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BY KARINA ELWOOD
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Starting Saturday, people across Washington, D.C., will need to flash a vaccination card and matching ID before catching a game, grabbing a drink or hitting the gym.

Over the past few weeks, businesses have been gearing up to implement Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's (D) new mandate, which requires patrons of indoor businesses to show proof of vaccination and matching identification. The

Bowser' bars, r but no

stores, reta worship ar exempt.

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Chris Maidment @[redacted] 9m

You spelled New Hampshire wrong.

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Yes! But for a restaurant tonight in NCR, choose VA.

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demonstrate such

Huh

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Claude Berube @cgberube 12m

China has a clear vision
It has committed resources to fulfill that vision
It is operating/deploying/training in accordance with that vision

It's not that difficult. We can no longer blame bifurcated politics in the US. Each party has had their opportunity 1/

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 7m

And it isn't because Pentagon budget is too small. It's massive & largest in the world. It's a failure on part of civilians to develop appropriate grand strategy given nature of the intl environment. But it's also a failure to make appropriate trade-offs even assuming current GS.

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We should be spending a higher percentage of Pentagon budget on Navy/AF and less on Army. Would make sense to cut a leg of the triad in current modernization plan.

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"Should" and "will" on this issue is an impossibility

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Rachel Rizzo @Rache R zzo m
There Wi l be B ood is garbage Long ive No Country for Old Men!

> **Benjamin Haddad** @benjaminhaddad
> My group chat has been nexorably torn over 2007 cinema Some rightly see There Wi be B ood as the great masterp ece of that year, whi.e others continue to defend the garbage No Country for Old Men

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Josh Shifrinson @sh fr nson 9m
A truer take has yet to be registered

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Late empire If we don't contain this and then rollback (and no, not talking about foreign policy)

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There are already too many signs of late empire around. But America has always been a place that can turn things around and reinvent itself. So I continue to have hope. This and other trends are worrying nonetheless.

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I don't know who the tweeter is but Tyler Cowen linked to this on MR earlier. @RichardHanania come to mind when you read?

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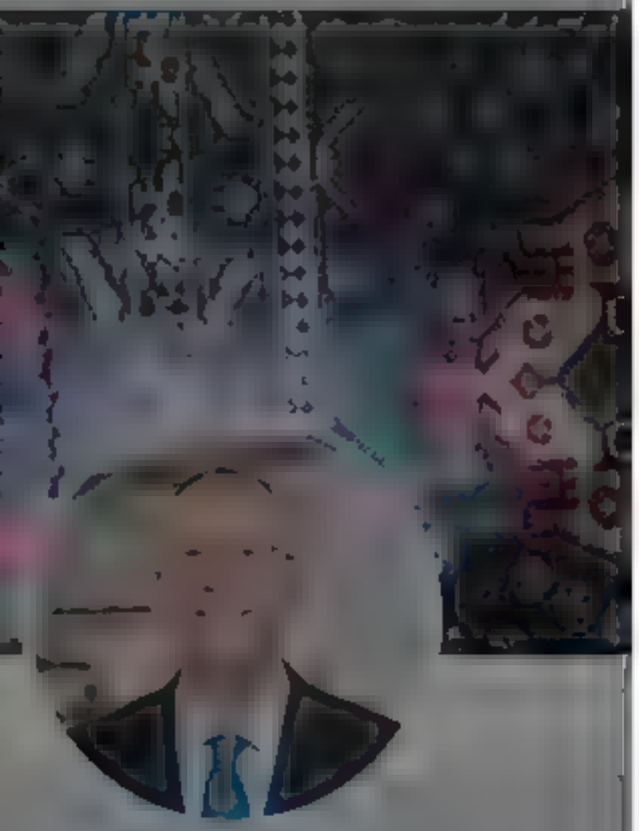
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Ex of the sec dilemma stimulant: "This exercise is not just another stage of military skills improvement," said Ukrainian Brig. Gen. Vladyslav Klochkov, co-director of Rapid Trident 21..., "but also an important step toward Ukraine's European integration."

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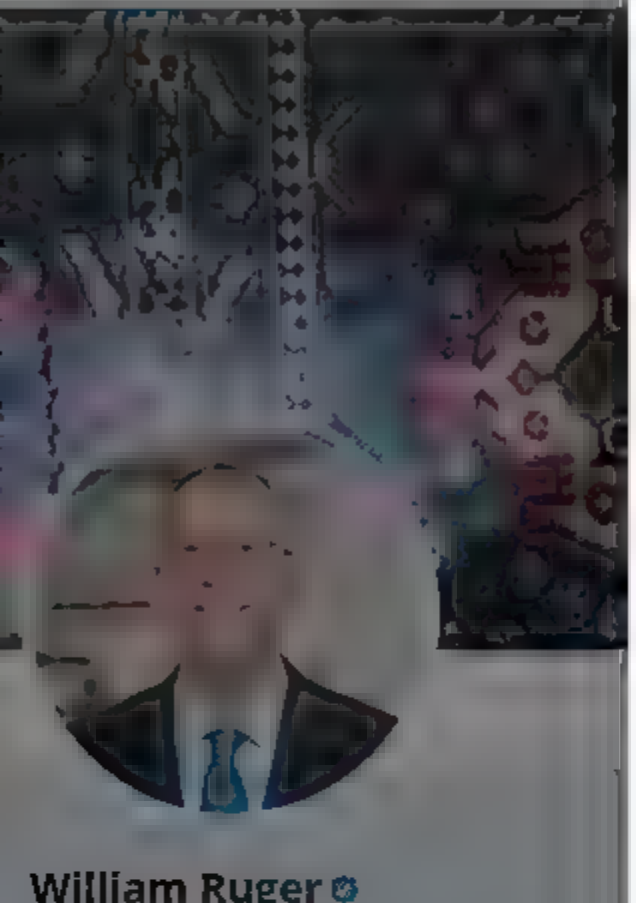
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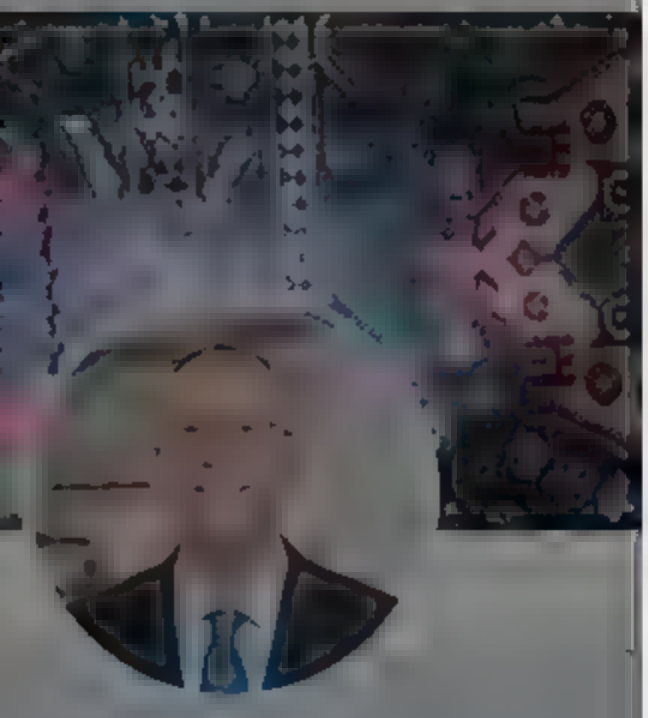
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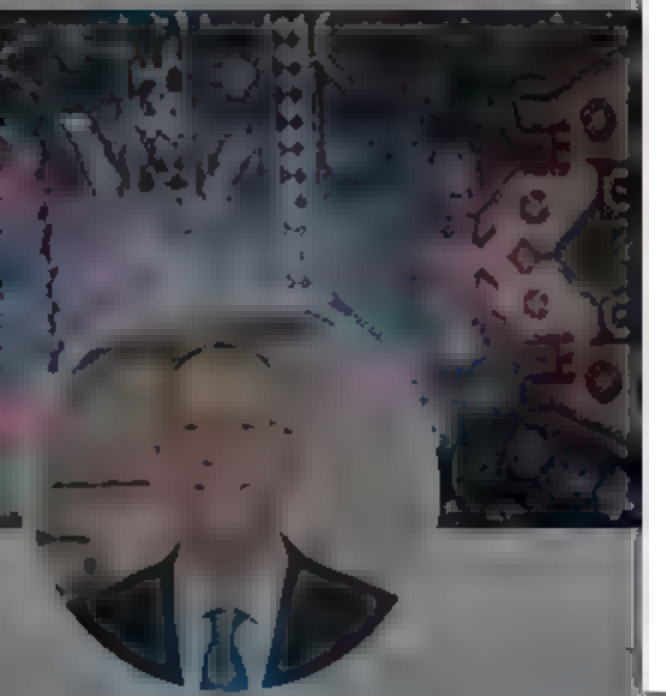
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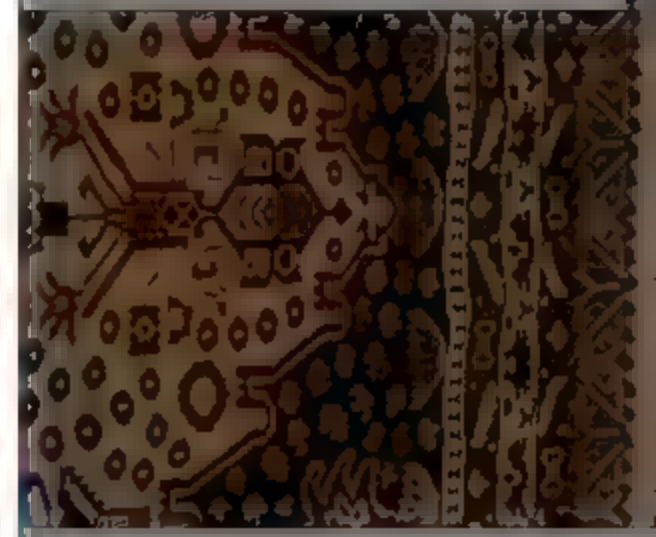
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f Cuba/Mexico wanted to join a Chinese alliance would US FP elites insist on principle that it is every state's sovereign right to determine their own foreign policy? Clearly not. So let's agree that this is an unhelpful/insincere talking point that would wither under scrutiny?

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This is about the realm of power, not principle.

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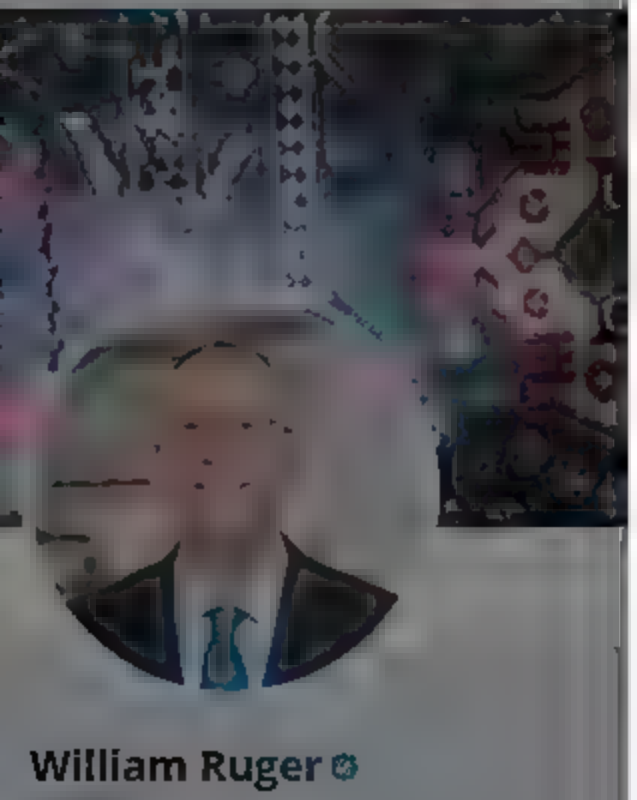
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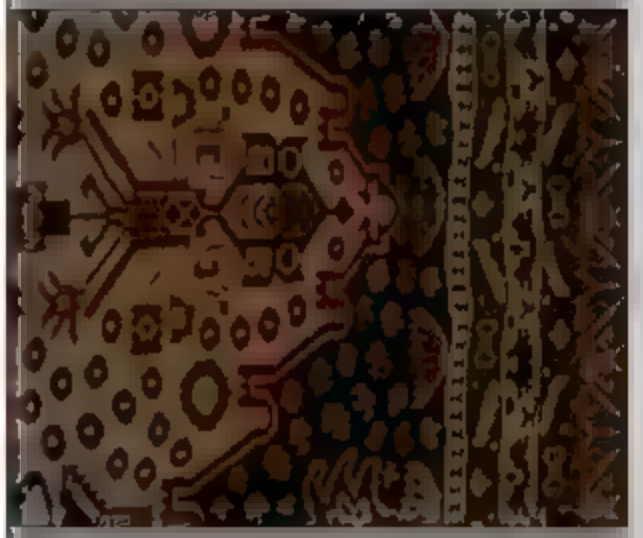
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Those who study war for a living know that "real" is bloody; destructive of life, property, and accomplishment; & leads to many unanticipated and unwanted changes. Sometimes it is necessary, but it is not something to be wished for. Herodotus captured it when he quotes Croesus:

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> It's getting rea., fo ks twitter.com/usembassyky/v/...

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · 5m

"No man is so foolish as to desire war more than peace: for in peace sons bury their fathers, but in war fathers bury their sons."

US should not falsely buttress UKR spine since it makes a war we shouldn't fight & they won't win so more likely Cut a deal consistent w/ reality

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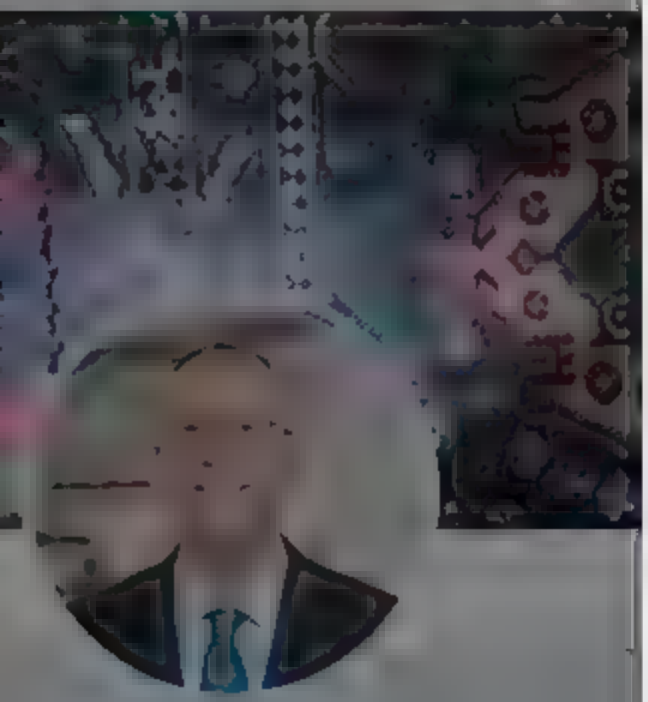
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And countries that trust in parchment promises rather than power and interest aren't very wise. #realism @RoKhanna @stephenwertheim

> **Scott Gelinas** @Scott_G78
> Maybe someone should inform @RoKhanna that Russia signed an agreement in 1994 to respect the territorial integrity of Ukraine, amongst other security promises, Budapest Agreements. Maybe start there... twitter.com/Joshrogin/stat...

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And a really unnecessary use of American power - not to mention blood and treasure

> **Jerry Hendrix** @JerryHendrix
> An armored division with 100 main battle tanks would be more effective than a hashtag, I think. twitter.com/secblinken/sta...

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Jerry Hendrix @JerryHendrix · 11m
You misunderstand. I am looking at the level of commitment that could deter Russian aggression. Wars are wasteful and expensive, which is why we should convince Russia we are willing to fight one, so we don't have to.

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Replying to @JerryHendrixII

This assumes extended conventional deterrence will work no matter interests at stake? And what if object of move calls your bluff? You've got a war where costs vastly outstrip benefits. And then the signal itself could cause the reaction you want to avoid before troops in place.

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What many people miss is that what restraint offers Ukraine's is a firm "no, sorry we can't defend you now or later," instead of dangling the phony prospect of being their savior. Whether that would bring changes in Ukraine's actions that would have placated Russia is unclear

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Replying to @BH_Friedman

Plus restraint isn't a can opener that can do anything. Restraint works to meet US vital national interests, not realize every "good" thing one could want globally (and other strategies aren't good at that either - see AFG - or would be too high cost). @brucebrookings

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Ben Denison @DenisonBe · 14s

Replying to @WilliamRuger @BH_Friedman @brucebrookings

Restraint fundamental understands that U.S. power having limits is the reality of international politics, and wishing for it to be different only tempts disaster. The idea that if tried harder, we could achieve every goal is the dangerous narrative we tell ourselves.

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Bruce Jones @brucebrookings 9m

Be that as it may (and as you know I only partia ly agree) not sure that any of th.s speaks to my or gina tweet, which was about Germany's decision not to supply arms to Ukra.ne

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I guess my question on the arms provision is does it provoke moral hazard and does it only impact the destructiveness of the conflict as opposed to outcome (see Syria?). Would bleed the Russians more...but also increases costs to Ukrainians vs peaceful options.

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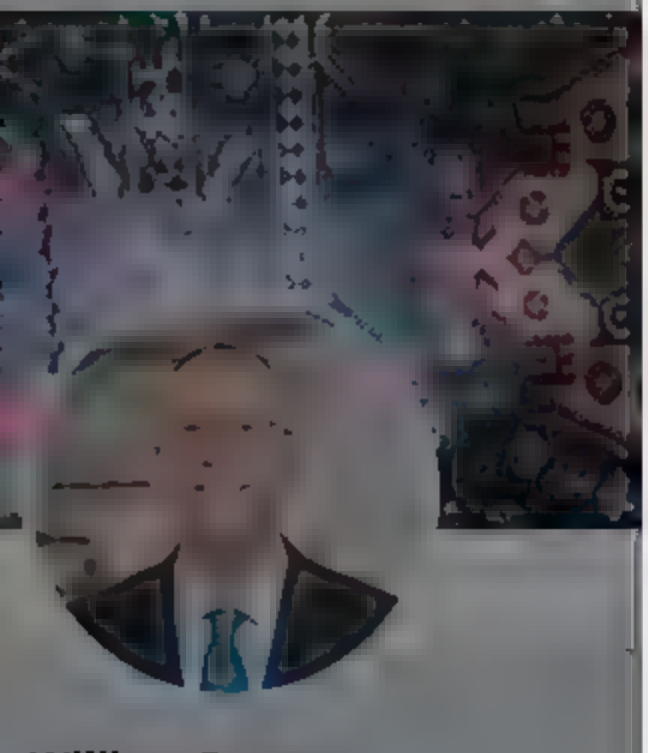
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Ben Friedman @BH_Friedman · 1h

Yeah it's almost like expanding a consensus-based organization to 30 members was a mistake. Someone should have warned us.

> **Josh Rogin** @joshrogin
> ... and effectively give a veto over the deployments to countries such as Germany, Hungary or Turkey -- a situation Russian President Vladimir Putin is sure to exploit.
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Yeah, no kidding. Realism and restraint was asleep at the wheel on this one. Especially Cato.

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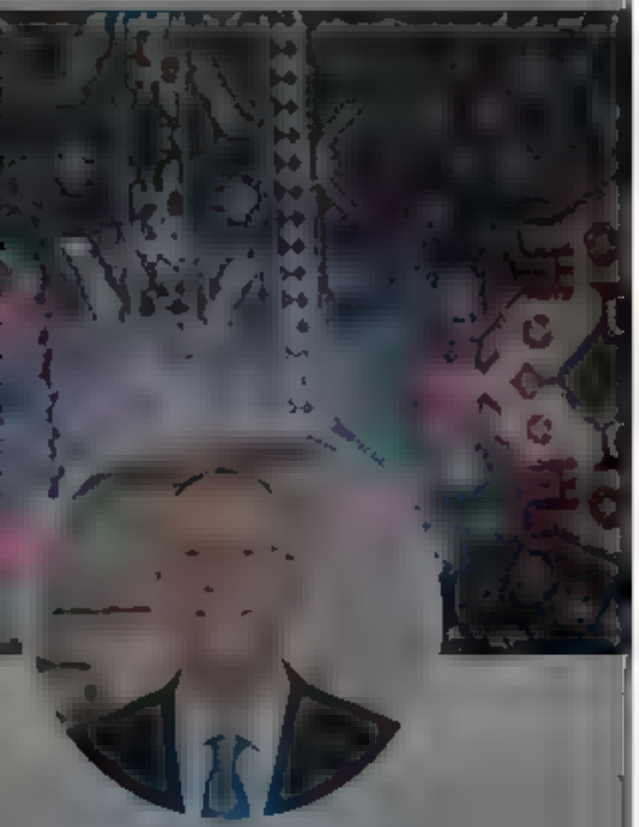
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The United States s so fortunate to be arge, continent sized great power w/ vast resources. Even luck er to have weak neighbors & two big oceans b/t us & rest of world. As long as we protect sp rit of Monroe Doc & maintain strong Navy/AF/SF/nukes, we are safe and independent.

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William Ruger
@W R ger

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Eurasian (as opposed to theatre) balance of power is supportive of that safety and independence as well. But this isn't at risk today or any real future. Foreign terrorist orgs issue for our military to watch, punish, deter but not existential to regime.

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William Ruger @W R ger · 2m

AFG 2001 example where U.S. needed to intervene mi itari y. So th s isn't non-intervention st approach. But we ost war when we expanded mission beyond punishing TB, dec mating AQ, and ki l ng UBL.

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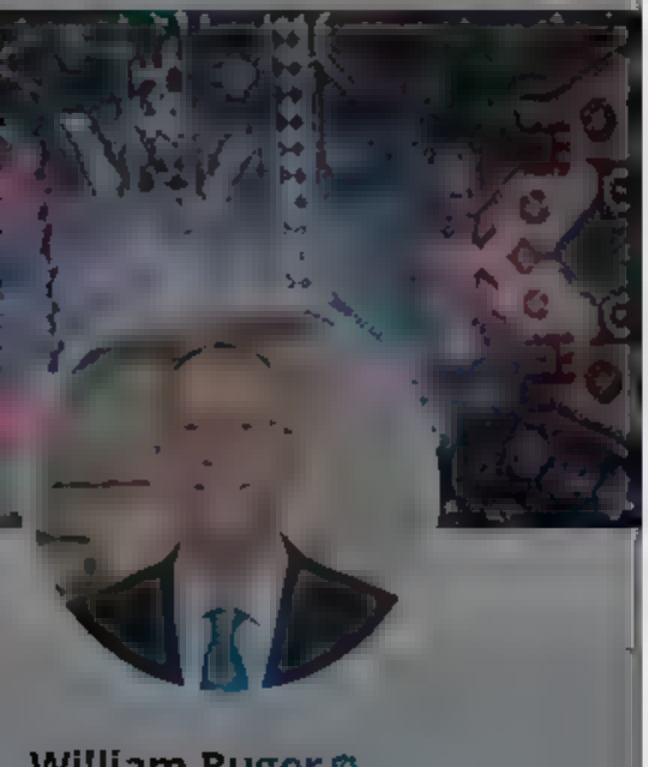
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More likely to push them together than split them apart.



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Putin's annexation of UKRAINE is part of his wider strategy involving China

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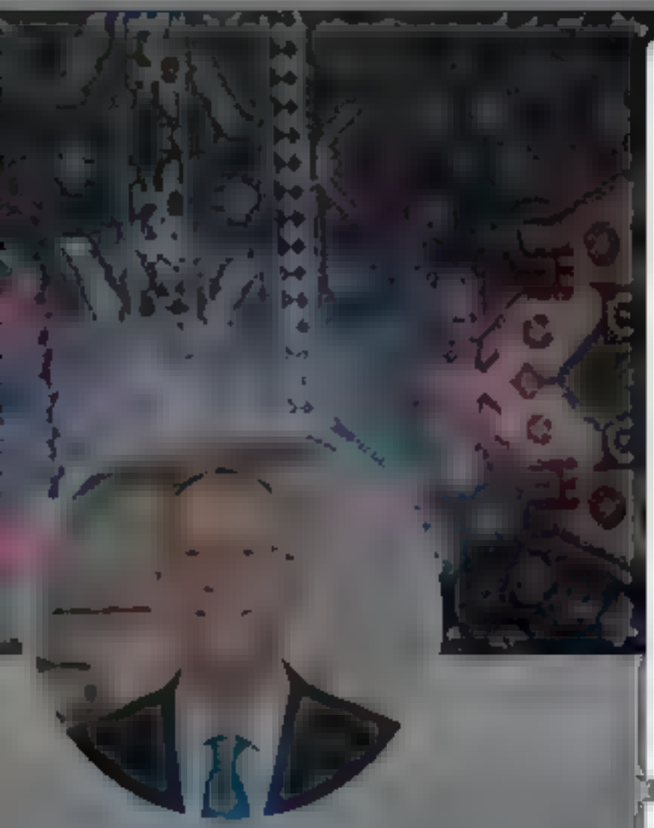
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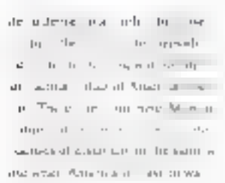


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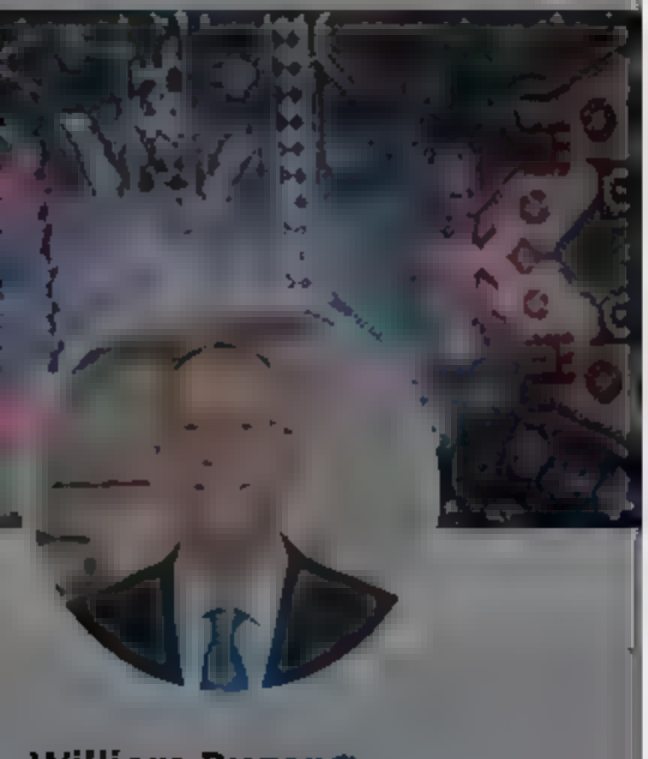
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Not what I expected to see this am. But have a feeling this will be weaponized against her at some point by her critics.

> **Nikki Haley** ✓ @NikkiHaley
> Biden should care about our own border as much as he claims to care about the Ukrainian border. #ProtectAmerica🇺🇸

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"Nikki Haley 'Isolationist'" National Review will claim

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It's true though. Like a military defense. If your too focused on the deep enemy, the near enemy will get you.

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Hawley suggests it's in America's interest not to promise NATO membership for Ukraine. Kinzinger responds not by arguing that it *is* in our interest to offer NATO membership to Ukraine but by calling Hawley evil. I guess Kinzinger doesn't have any better argument to make?

> **Adam Kinzinger** @AdamKinzinger
> I hate to be so personal, but Hawley is one of the worst human beings, and a self aggrandizing con artist. When Trump goes down I certainly hope this evil will be played in the open for all to see, and be ashamed of. twitter.com/thehill/status...

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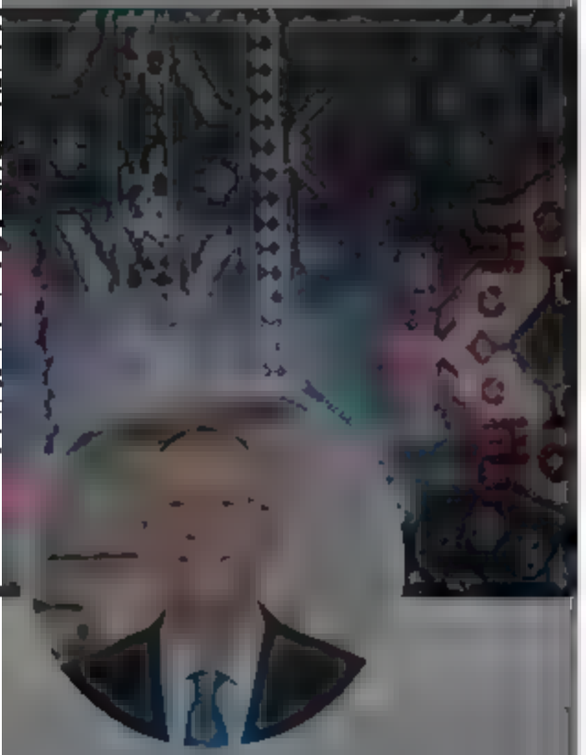
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That be ng sa.d, there is a ro e for approbat on/ d sapprobation as wel as assoc ation/disassoc ation in a hea thy society too. P us for govt institutions, it is a matter of public concern how govt power/resources used So debate is often more compl cated than it is presented

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There is a particular problem, though, & aga.n on margins, when it comes to big nstitutions & combinations of power So liberals left and right shou d be more troub ed by @amazon not being open to, say, @RyanTAnd, than your local neighborhood bookstore not sel ing his books

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Nick is also right that we are fortunate that there remains a pretty robust marketplace out there. But we should be struggling smarter together to think through the trade-offs involved when it comes to the openness norm while defending vehemently the liberty principle.

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Trucker who reads Charles Tilly?



Cliff Maloney @CliffMaloneyJr

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Caleb O. Brown @cobrown · 4m
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James Jay Carafano @J Carafano h
Honestly, the guy ran for president from the basement and on fore gn pol cy has never been right about anything. What d d people expect was going to happen?

> **Gunnery Sergeant Jessie Jane Duff** @ ess e aneD .ff
> The Biden presidency is crash ng and burning
> buff y/3.haXsI

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Slight correction: Biden ultimately carried out Trump's policy of withdrawing from Afghanistan. He was right to do so - although the implementation was flawed and would have been easier had they kept the original Trump timeline.

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Justin Logan @JustinTLogan · 35m

To the extent voters have clearly discernible views on FP, those views derive from "e ite cues," that is, s gnals sent to them by partisan el tes. So the Congressman on Fox News s creating pub ic opinion, not fo lowing it.

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The median Republican voter is less interventionist than most Republican politicians in DC. AFG withdrawal and Ukraine war polling are two data points among many. But yes, elite cueing critical. It is also one of foundations of my strategy of building bench over last 8 years.

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Damon Linker @DamonLinker · Feb 8

So it looks like the right will attack Democrats if they continue to support pandemic restrictions -- and also if they lift pandemic restrictions. ("Haha, your polling must suck if you're conceding we were right all along!")

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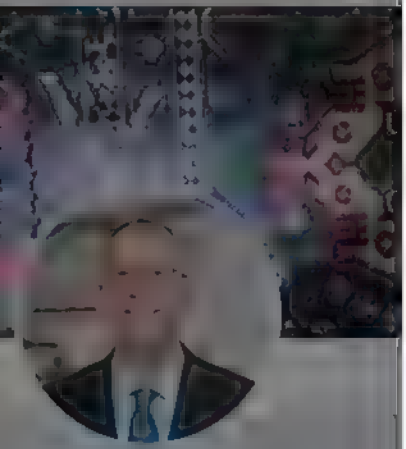
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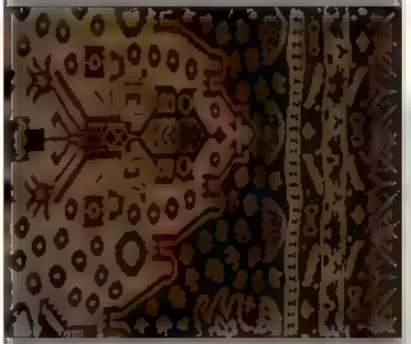
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Eric Flack @EricFlackTV

🚨BREAKING🚨New legislation working its way through the Virginia eg s ature wou d authorize the sa e of up to one bi ion dol ars' worth of government bonds to he p finance a new #WashingtonCommanders stad um in Northern Virginia

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Mike Nelson @m kene son586 · 1h

Th s wou d make a lot more sense aside from the fact the WFB/Commanders haven't played in RFK, or even DC at al for that matter, for many many years

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Ryan Evans @EvansRyan202 · 1h

Yes but DC has been keep ng it open and wa ting to welcome them back with open arms, cash, and tax incentives. If they move somewhere outside of DC aga n, it opens up the space to move on

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Reid Tillman Smith @re dtsmith · 34m

t should go without saying that a 40-acre network of paths, parks, and multi use fields wou d be a b g improvement over new parking lots and a stad um that ies dormant ~350 days a year

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 29m

A Cosi or 10 would even be better But NoVa shou d take only if fu ly financed privately. #cronyism #corporatewelfare

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 9m

t would be n keeping with the new name for the taxpayers to get soaked by the Commanders whi e the well-connected of NoVa benefit It's been happening for a ong time. Snyder also has no clue how to win #afghan stanpapers

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Ryan Evans @EvansRyan202 · 6m

Let's not forget that Virg nia taxpayers, more than the c tizens of any other state, reap great economic benefits from the mi itary and defense industry (And to be clear I don't ho d that aga nst them, or the m i tary, or the defense industry)

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Yes. I'm making the analogy to the taxpayers writ large.

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William Ruger @WilRuger 12m

And is hawk the right image for, say, someone who believes in any manner of idealistic propositions about the nature of the world and the U.S. role in it, including R2P, democracy promotion, etc.?

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Replying to @WilRuger @DamonLinker

It may be "bird-brained" to oversimplify things this way or to overuse this potentially misleading and inaccurate (not to mention pejoratively-meant) imagery.

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Damon Linker @DamonLinker · 4m

Replying to @WilRuger

Fair enough. I'm just asking questions, as one does.

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 48s

Yup. It is tempting imagery, and I've used in past too. Even tried to stir up the old idea of adding eagles (but @EmmaMAshford as restraint's resident ornithologist and said it doesn't work). But h/d just doesn't seem to fit (or at least as well as it might have in the Cold War).

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Enjoy this tweet everyone.

Nikki Haley @Nikki Haley
If America doesn't project strength, our adversaries will

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I am all for closing the open door and finding a diplomatic resolution of the current crisis. However, these are clearly ridiculous demands from Russia that we cannot accept. My guess is Putin is trying to anchor the discussion but will accept far less.

Rajan Menon @rajan_menon
Summary of R written response to US shows no sh ft: 1) Insists U and Ga must not be admitted to NAT0; 2) No NATO/US mil assets in countries once part of USSR, 3) remova of NATO "mi capabi ities" from countries who joined NATO after 1997; 4) Must be "legally b.nding guarantees,

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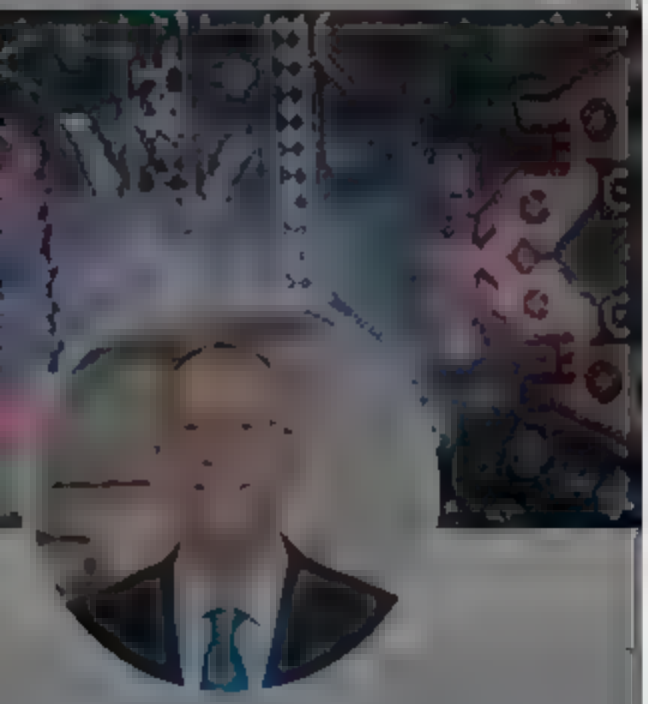
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Cody @ChrspCody 7s
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Why would anyone who has ever been in a single negotiation think that Russia will only accept ALL of these? Of course they're shooting for the stars

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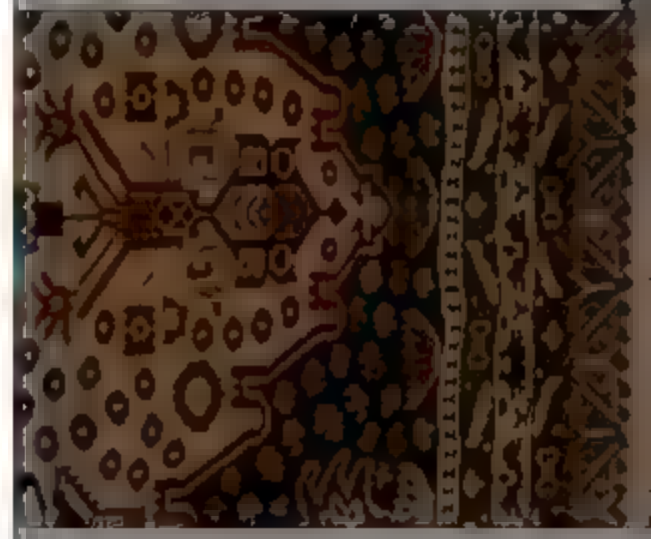


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Underrated non-realist argument is that NATO closing the open door could actually benefit Ukrainians (or at least spare them from the worst possible unintended outcome of leaving it open ceteris paribus).

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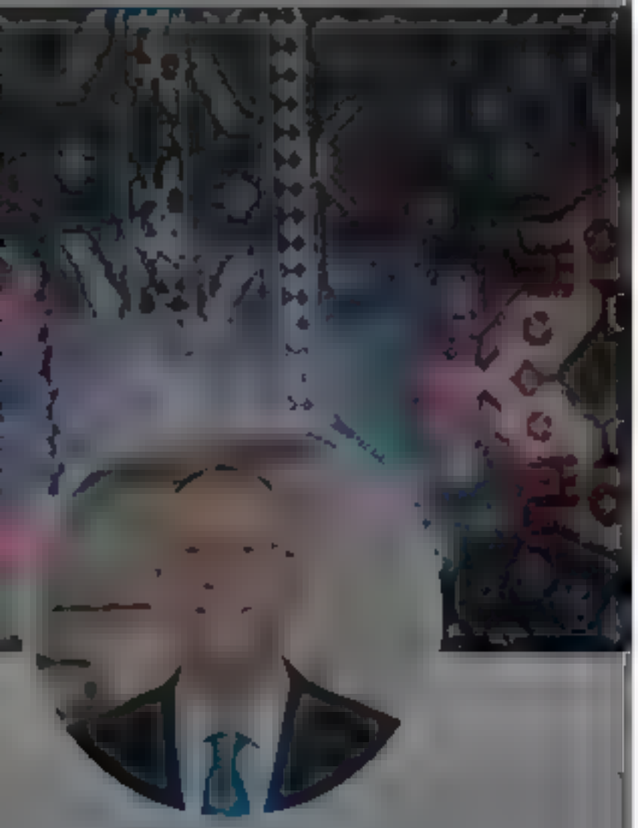
Samuel Hammond @[redacted]amandcheese · 14s

Replying to @WRuger

The key is that it can't be seen to be imposed from the outside. Best outcome would be for Ukraine to independently issue a declaration of neutrality, a la Austria 1955

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Damon Linker @Damon_ nker · 11m

f t's a negotiating tact c on Putin's part, I fear it's a huge m scalculation, since the demand is so far beyond anything we would enterta n that it could scutt e attempts to keep talking

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Well, it could always be like the ultimatum that Austria-Hungary delivered to Serbia in 1914. But it isn't atypical for Russians to negotiate this way, right?

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Damon Linker @Da no ker · 4m

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G ven the al gnment of forces and parties In p ay, I think it's a huge m scalculation, no matter how typ ca it might be

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Putin is holding a meeting of his Security Council today. #WatchThisSpace

> **Кремлевский пул РИА** @krem_npoo · RIA
> ‼️Путин сегодня соберёт большое заседание Совбеза
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Trump wasn't fool sh on these matters and wou dn't have put J5 troops or threatened to put them into Jkraine on arge scale either. But could have seen him be ng flex b e on NATO expans on & deal ng around the creeping de facto al iance th ngs that were happen ng be ow surface

> **Sebastian Gorka DrG** @SebGorka
> Do you rea ly want to know why Putin is invading Ukra ne?
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> Because President Trump sn't President, and B den s weak and...

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So maybe it could have been savvy restraint guided by a position of relative strength that we have rather than the hawkish, primacist "strength" that may be implied here.

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Casey Mattox @CaseyMattox · 7m
I'm a 2.5.

> **Jeff Kemp** @jkempcpa
> I think this is the new spectrum on the right.
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> 1. Bulwark
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Time to move up in the world...

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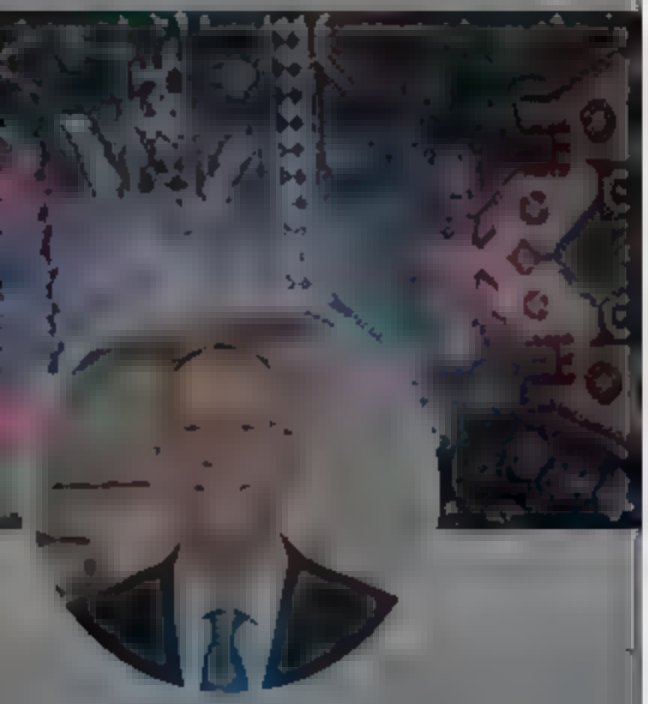
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Would also note that Congress too should reject the use of US troops in a war between nuclear Russia and Ukraine. Unnecessary for our safety or prosperity - and would be very costly.

> **Dan Caldwell** @dancaldwe
> An unequivocally good thing to see lawmakers from across the political spectrum coming together to demand Congress do its job in matters of war and peace something it has neglected to do repeatedly over the last 20 years
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Now .@ChristinaPushaw is being given the Frum "unpatriotic conservatives" treatment that neocons are famous for. Saw Kristol do it earlier today too.

Recall that those "unpatriotic conservatives" were right about Iraq.

> **Charlie Crist** @Charl eCrist
> America stands for freedom and democracy. We strongly support democratic va ues when they are threatened, whether at home or abroad. This statement is unpatriotic and should be condemned by @govrondesantis.
> twitter.com/chr stinapusha .

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Also, If I have somehow triggered Kristol, I cons der that a win.

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Someone else did today. But I'm sure you will soon enough if you keep up the fight for realistic approaches to US domestic and foreign policy!

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Definitely worth digging into. As you can see, @WarOnTheRocks didn't get interested in this yesterday or the day after AFG ended. Nor did I and the others cited.

> **Ryan Evans** @EvansRyan
> Want to understand Russia's war on Ukra ne? We have curated a ist of artic es/podcasts for you. These resources are organized by focus strategy/m l tary ba ance, diplomacy, h story, resistance, nuclear/arms control, cyber, energy, RU politics, & more
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Long story short: I just walked to Poland

It was a hell sh 20-hour journey undertaken in the midd e of winter with thousands of refugees. I saw some terrible things

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Ukraine Conflict Live 2022 @Ukraine_live2022 · 9h
Vehicles were backed up for 25 kilometers, many out of gas. Several were abandoned as the r occupants fled west on foot as fast as possible



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UA soldiers were stopping cars and busses and yanking out any man aged 18-60 to conscript in the Ukrainian Army. In one place, a commissar was shouting "say goodbye to your daughters, mothers, and girlfriends; you must turn back and fight the Russian invader!"



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We made friends with a 24-year old named Max who was pulled out of the caravan as he talked with us. I had time to get his number before his conscription and he left with a grin of utter disbelief. I will never forget that face

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Ukraine Conflict Live 2022 @Ukraine_live2022 · 9h
A woman screamed for the army to spare her husband from conscription. A soldier slapped her and took her husband

Things seem really desperate

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Ukraine Conflict Live 2022 @Ukraine_live2022 · 9h
There were old women carrying rucksacks hobbling along the shoulder. I asked one where she was going and she said "Poland!" She was going to walk the 80km on her own

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Toddlers took the journey hard. Many were forced to walk the distance despite not knowing what was going on

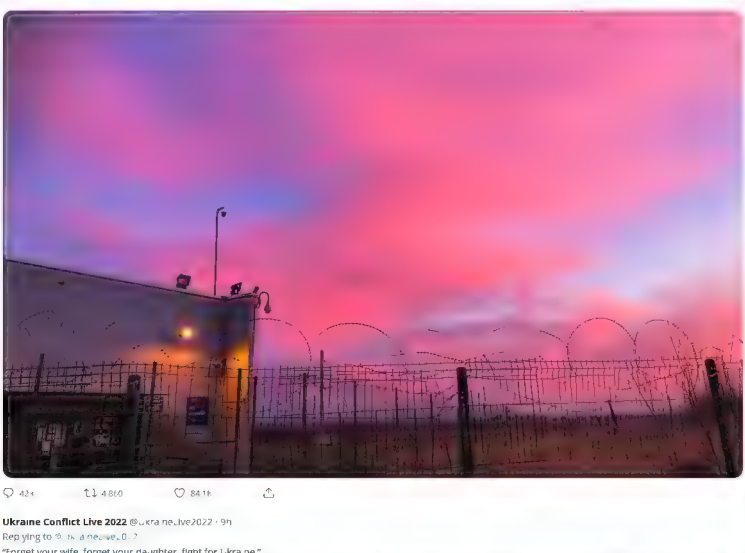
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This was the longest and worst night of my life. I'm just speechless

Anyway I'm currently in Poland, where a welcome committee greeted us with tea. It was amazing tea

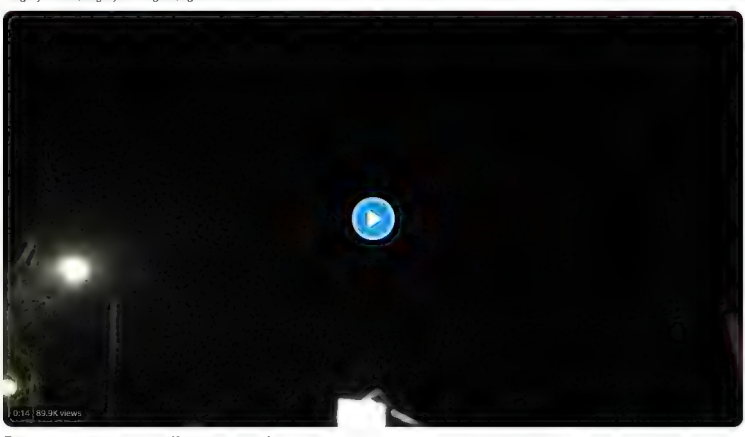
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Last thing: this was my view as I crossed into Poland at 7.01 AM local time this morning. I feel that it was a welcome gift from nature. I'm so inconsolably happy to be in the EU



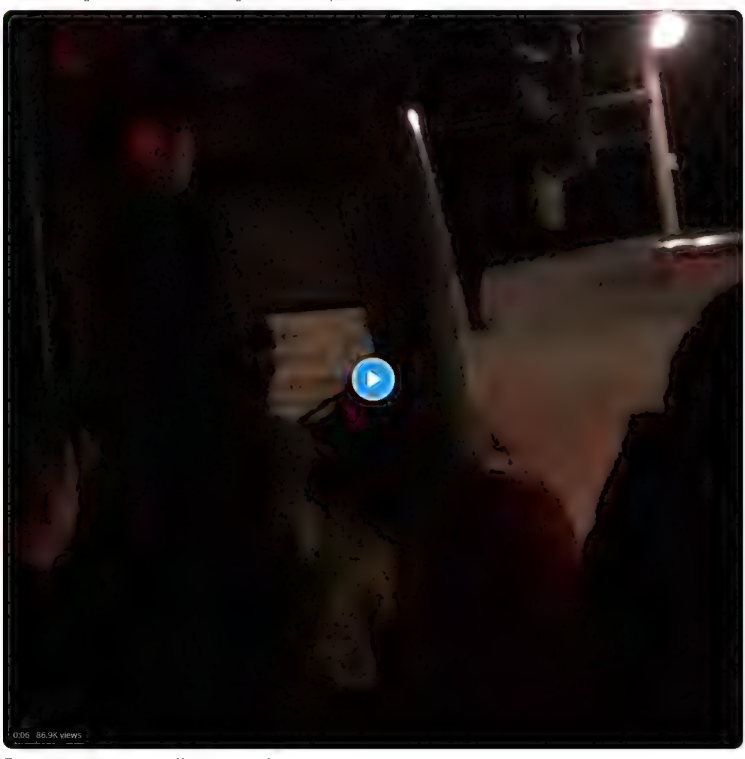
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"Forget your wife, forget your daughter, fight for Ukraine."



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UA soldier ordering bus driver to turn over all men aged 18-60 for conscription



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Why are healthy men running away?

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Ravens1 @ketheroles · 7h
They don't want to die

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William Ruger @W l Ruger · 2h
Does anyone believe the 2800 figure for Russian KIA today?
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Damon Linker @DamonLinker 2m
Free-lance social-med a propagandists on both sides thickening the fog of war. Though I wi l admit to being quite wil ing to do my part to spread the spin from one side
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@W l Ruger
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Reply ng to @Damon. nker

I'm for @BrandeisU motto: Truth even unto its innermost parts.

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William Ruger @WilRuger 16s

wouldn't want to create the unintended consequence of mak ng t harder for US policymakers to stay out of the conflict, but it is interesting to see the revea ed preferences of Americans 18-60 who advocate for things ike a no-fly zone that would bring US into the war. 1/2

> **Dan Caldwell** @dandca dwe
> Good news for fight ng age, neocon keyboard warriors who somehow missed the opportunity to serve n all the wars they advocated for the last 20 years.
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So, why aren't you joining the fight in Ukraine?

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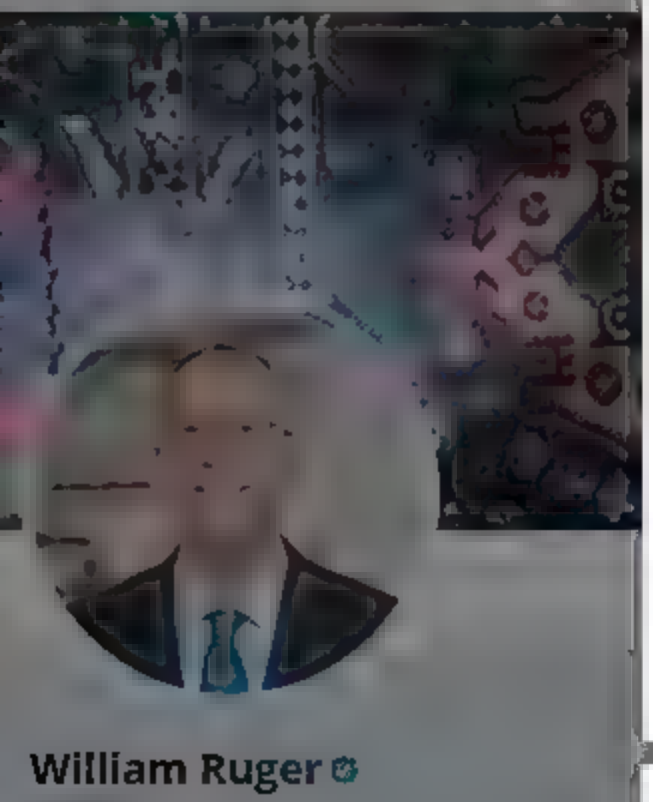
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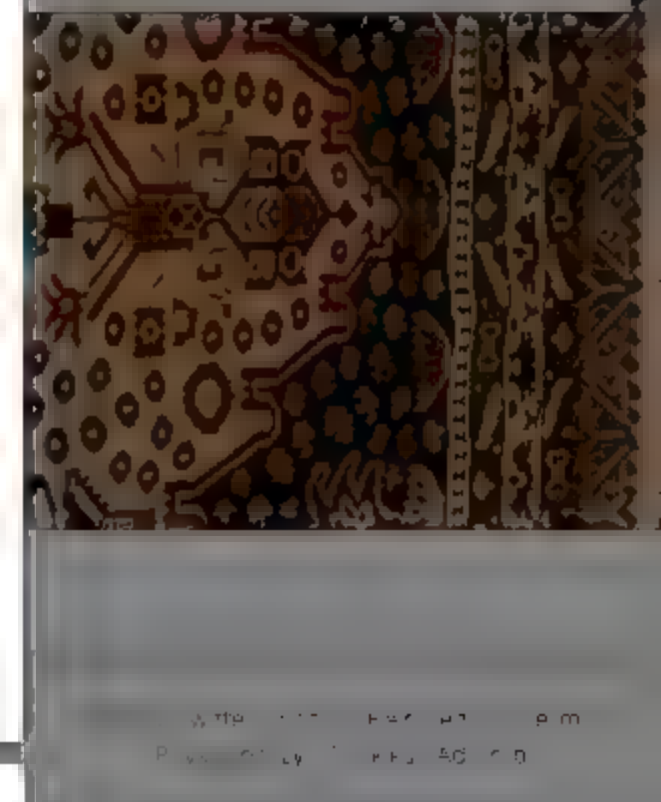
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Yes, economic protectionism will further hurt the economy. Good to see center-left writers call this out.

> **Damon Linker** @DamonLinker
> Biden bungles his State of the Un on message
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> theweek.com/feature/op n o .. via @TheWeek

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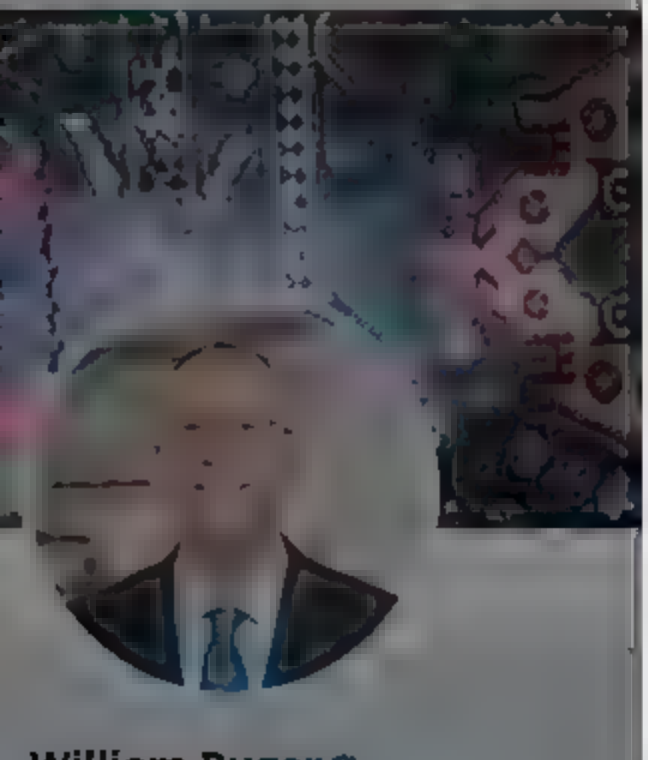
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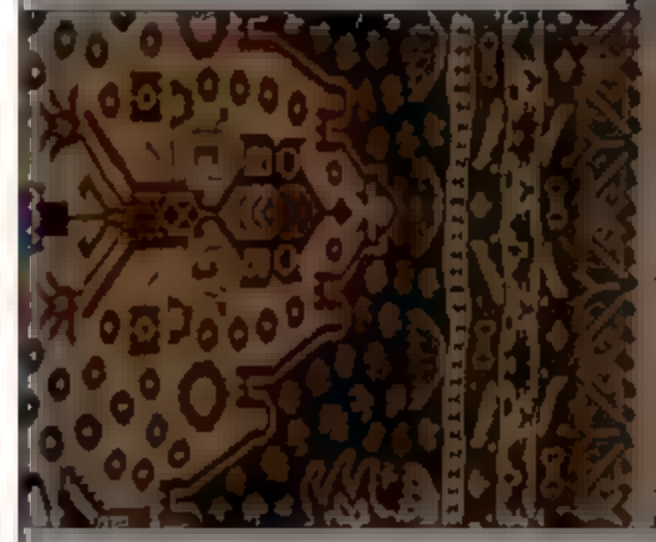
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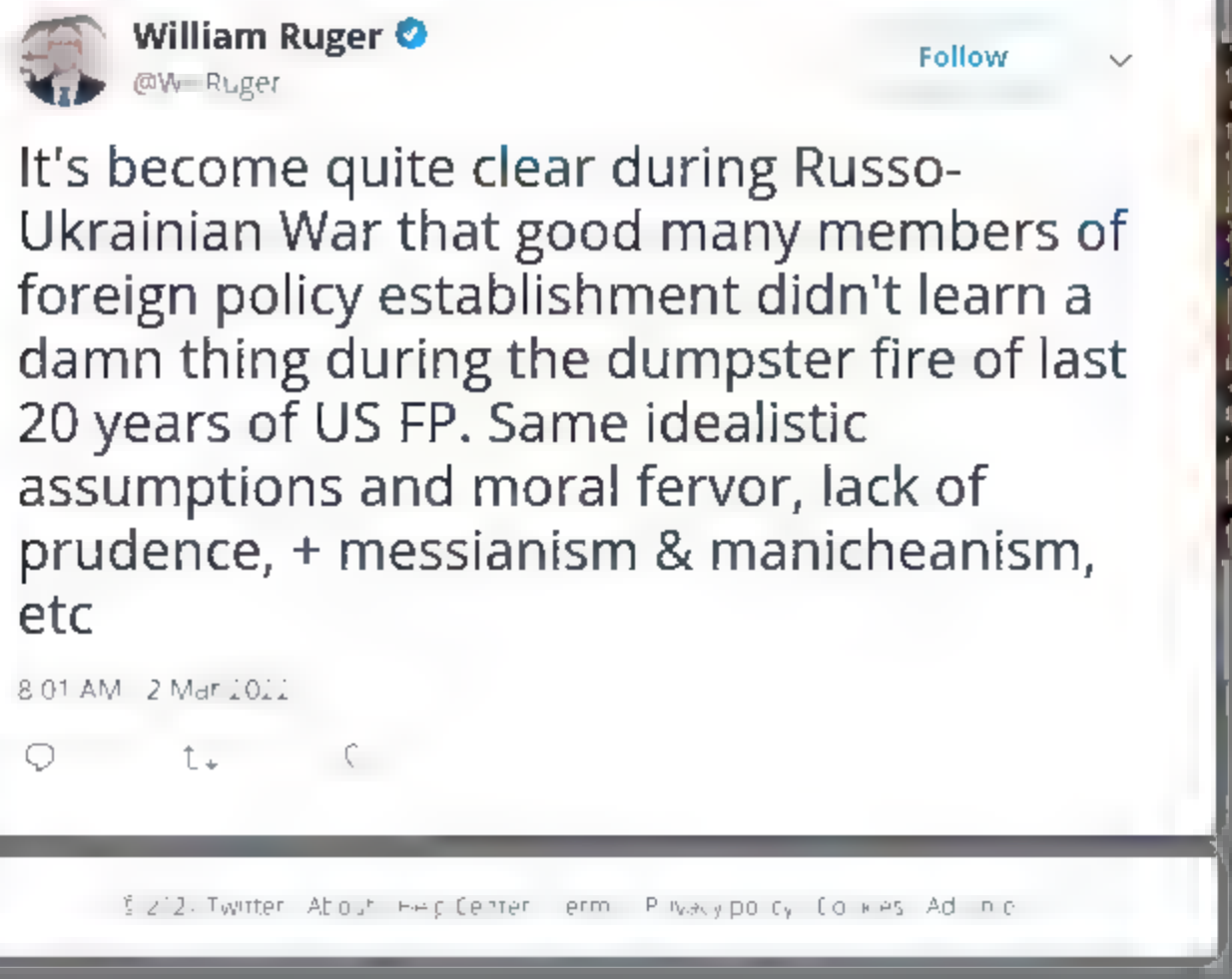


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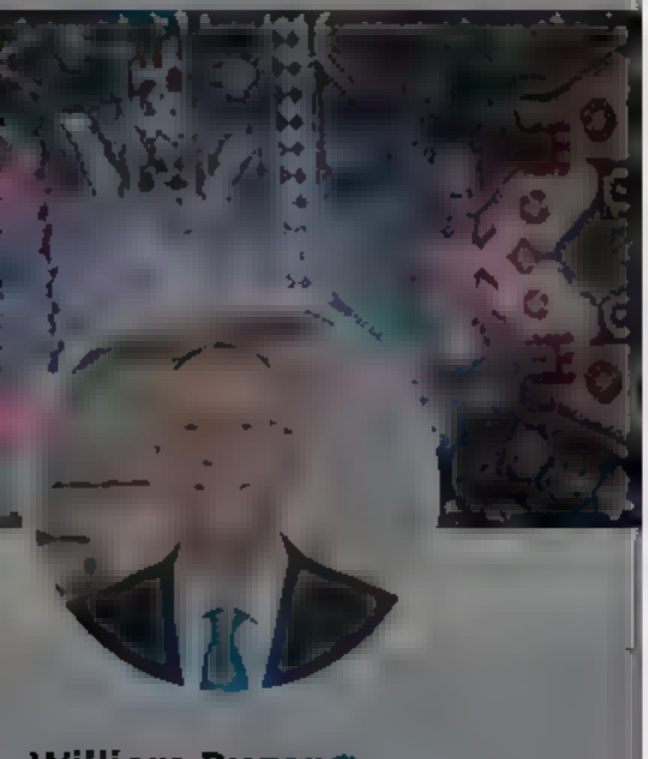
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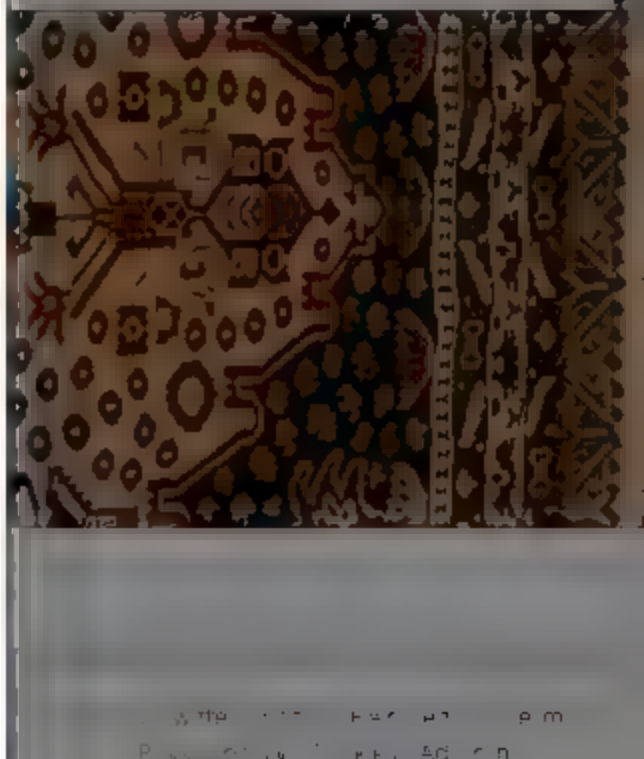


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Treating captured soldiers humanely is both consistent with international law & with realism (as you can see here in below tweet, it can be useful). This is a personal issue for me since my grandfather was a POW in WWII, and I literally wouldn't exist if such norms didn't exist.

Anastasiia Lapatina @[redacted]

A Russian sold er surrendered. Ukra n ans gave him tea, food, and et h m cal his mother on video. I want to cry from how much love my country

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William Ruger @WilRuger · 47s

Both sides should do th s even though it is probab y harder for Ukrainians s nce the Russ ans engaged in a war of aggression

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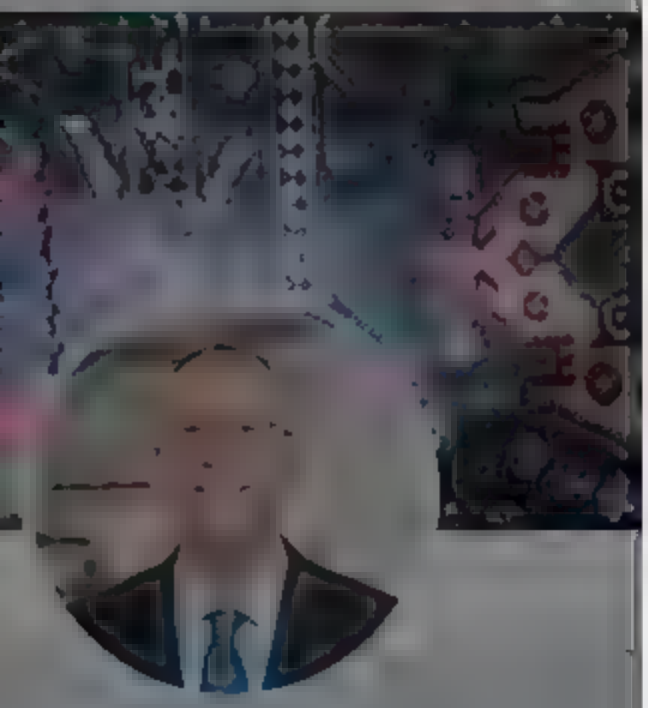
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He should be spending more time keeping America out of such a fight than preparing the public for it. For starters, a greater willingness to cut a deal on the future of Ukraine when a window opens up as battlefield results unfold ahead.

> **Damon Linker** ✓ @Damon_Linker
> Second, b/c now that Putin has invaded, w horrific events unfo d ng & Putin backed into a corner by crush ng sanct ons, there's a non-negl gible chance we *wil* end up in a shoot ng war w Russia. That s someth ng for which B den shou d start preparing the American people. 3/3
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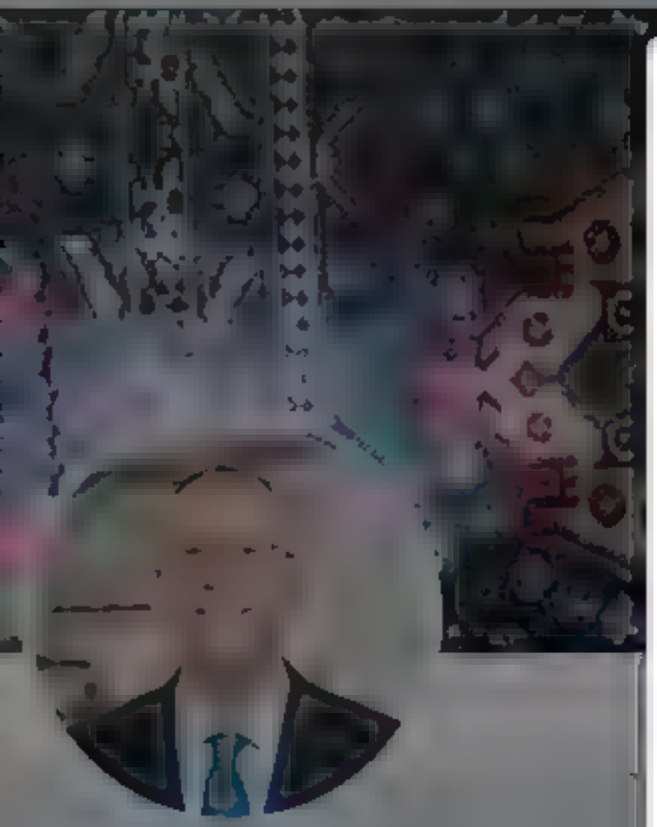
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Tim Carney @TPCarney · 5om

D d Zelensky real y say th s?

> **The Kyiv Independent** @KyivIndependent
>
> Ze ensky: "Whi e Russians are to blame for the kil ngs, respons b l ty s shared by those who for 13 days in their Western offices haven't been ab e to approve an obviously necessary decis on, who d dn't save our cit es from these bombs and m ss les - a though they can."
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Rep ying to @TPCarney

From Z's vantage point, I'd be selling the "The West has moral responsibility" argument too. He wants others to join war to save Ukraine. But it is our duty not to buy the propaganda and messaging of other countries that are clearly designed for their interests rather than ours.

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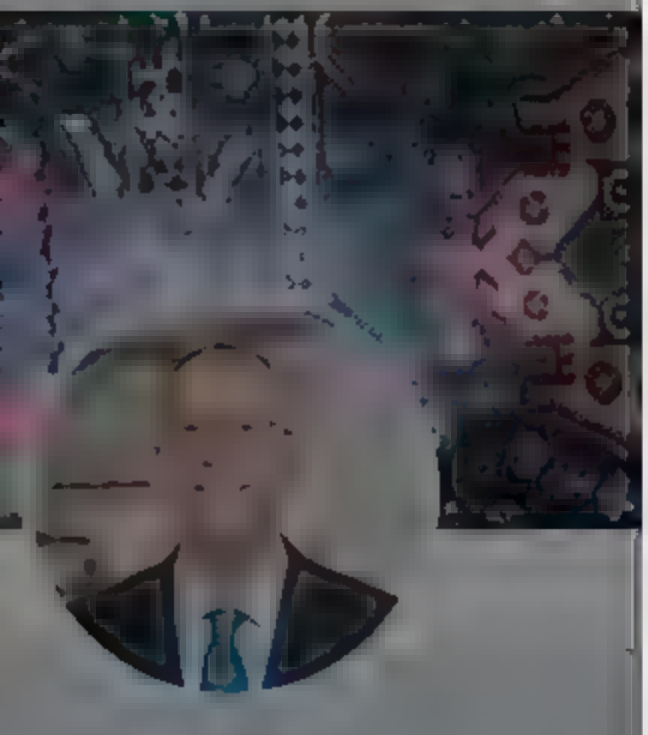
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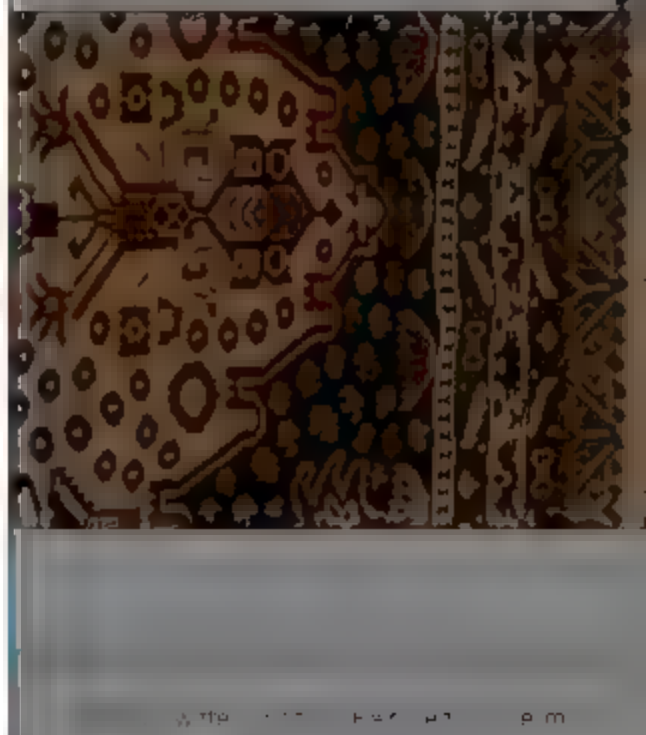
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I'm quite proud of the scientific work done by my colleague @PhilWMagness here at @aier. Bravo Phil!

> **Phil Magness** @PhilWMagness
> My paper with Vincent is now live in EJ
>
> We revisit the famous Piketty-Saez 2003 paper on income inequality in the US, and find a need for substantive revisions to the first half of their entire data...

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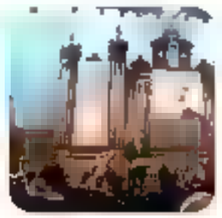
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How about they burn some Dostoevsky books instead?



Mark W. @DurhamWASP

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The Cardiff Philharmonic has cancelled an all Tchaikovsky programme as 'inappropriate at this...

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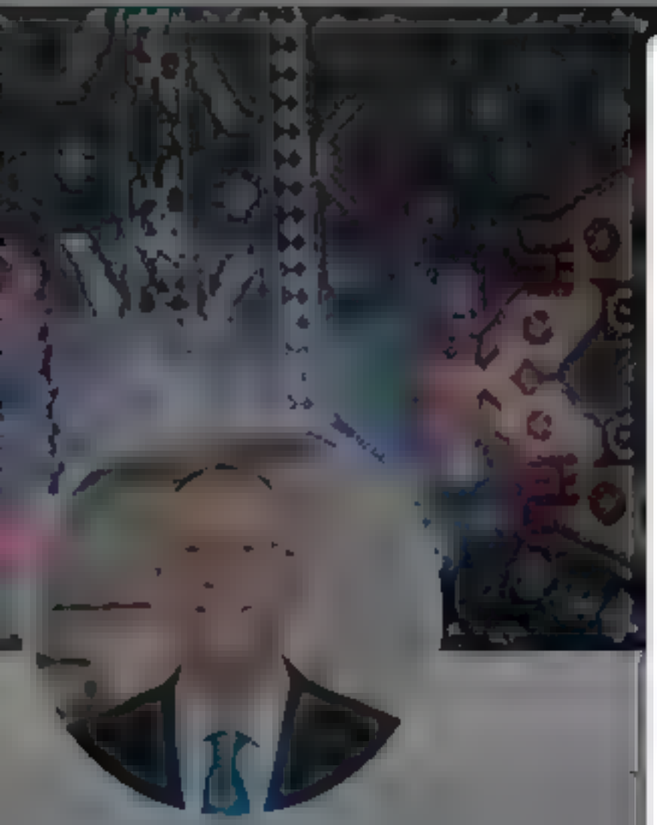
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Rename as "Victory Cabbage" and enjoy the music. Silly!

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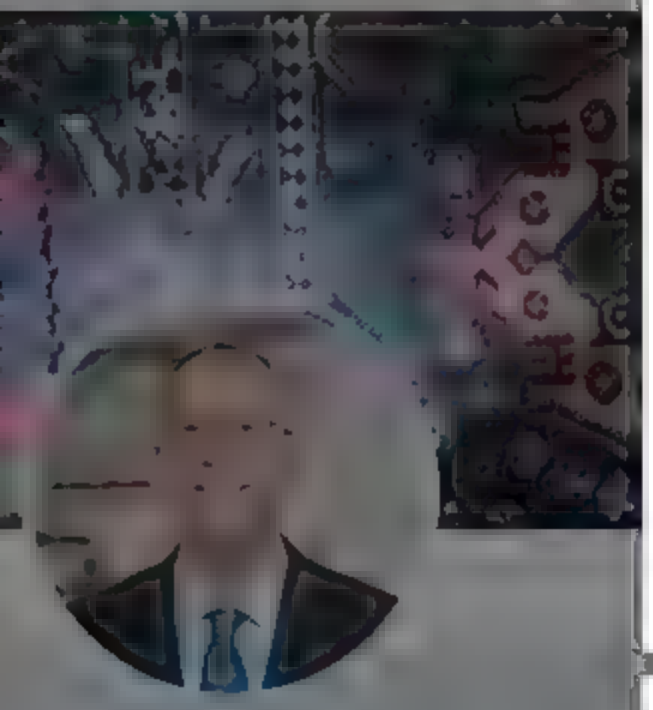
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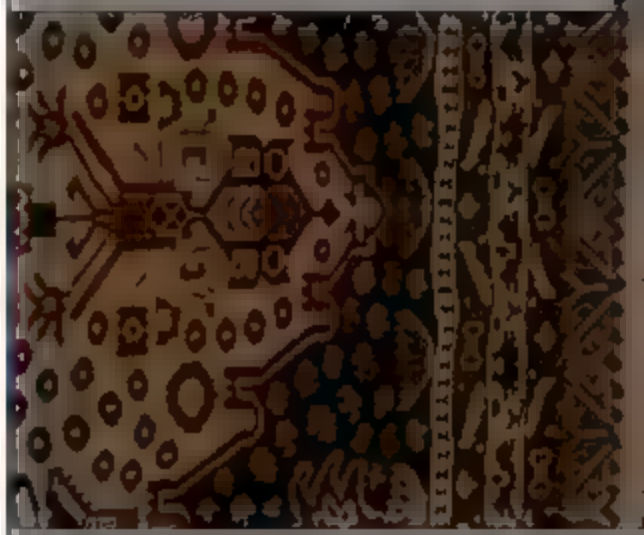
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> **Responsible Statecraft** ✓ @RStatecraft
> Transpartisan group led by @WIRuger @stephenwerthe m hits back on ca ls for no fly zone "this would mean war w th Russ a "
> respons b estatecraft.org/2022/03/10/tra .
> @dandca dwell @m chaelbd @EmmaMAshford @ Izzyshackelfor .

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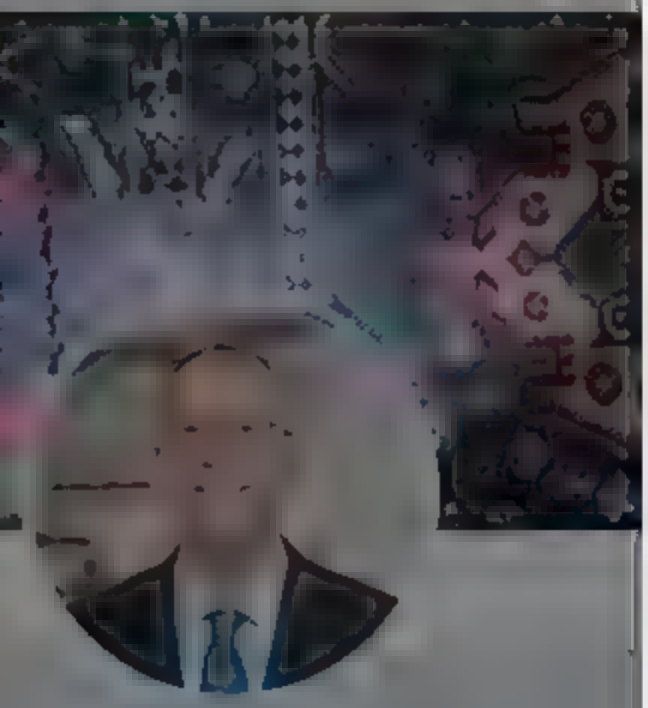
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Why is Zelensky talking so much about NATO if it wasn't that important to this conflict?

The Ukraine lobby should answer this question.

> **The Kyiv Independent** ✓ @KyivIndependent
> Zelensky bel eves Ukraine wil not enter NATO desp te 'open door' policy
>
> "For years, we heard about open doors, but we understand that we cannot enter," Ze ensky told representatives of the Joint Exped tionary Force ...

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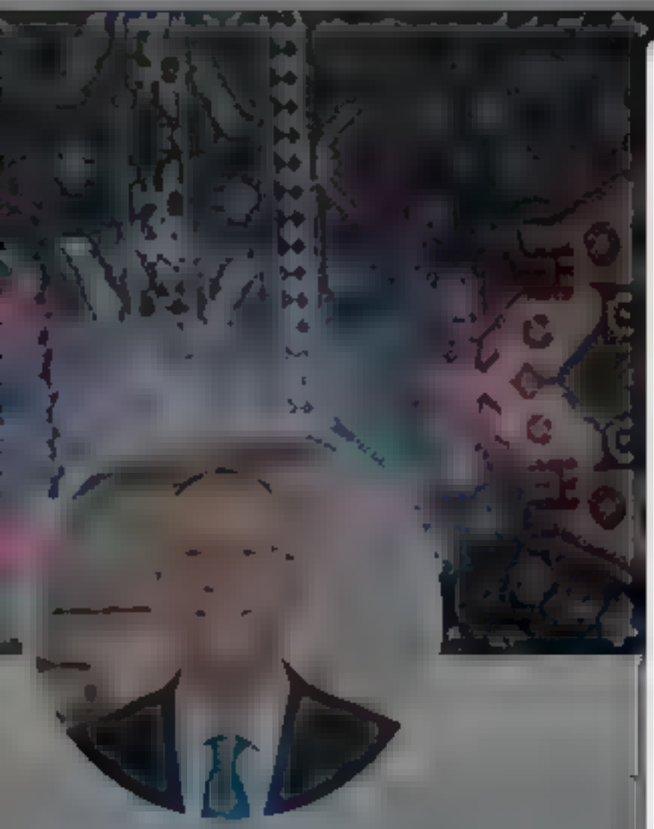
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One can be against US directly intervening in Russo-Ukrainian war without believing and saying stupid things about Russia that favorably compare it to us or Ukraine. Part of argument against intervention is that Russia isn't as good or great & thus represents low threat to NATO.

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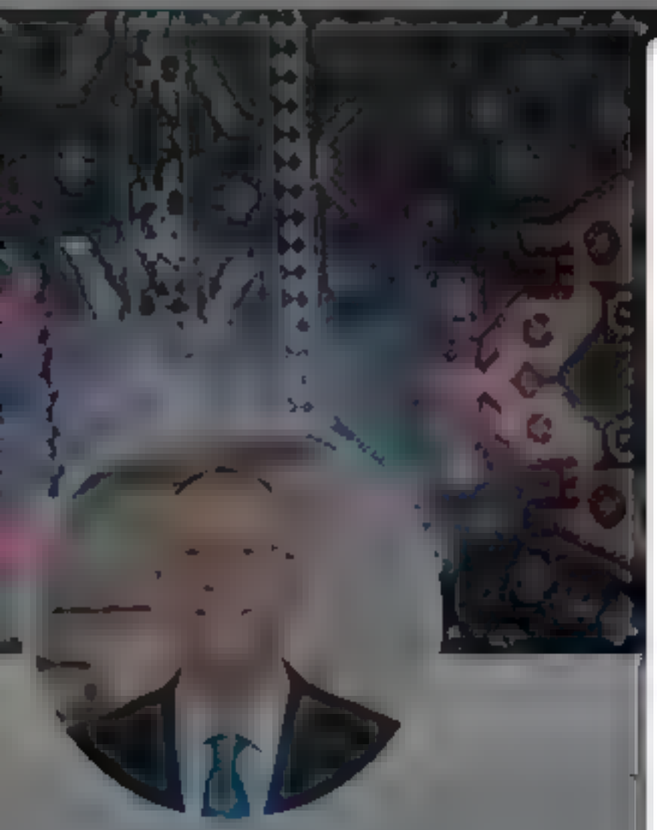
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Silly, obviously. But it isn't as bad as a No Fly Zone or other direct forms of intervention.

Poem reading pretty low on the escalatory ladder!

> **Jake Sherman** @JakeSherman
> PELOSI says she will read a poem by Bono about Ukraine at the lunch today

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Liam Corley @ tdawg19thC 9m
Pray for me! Climbing the S/MIME contro mountain in Edge Chrom um browser on my new comp.ter

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Rep ying to @l tdawg19thC

When you've figured out how to make it work, send a flare.

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I support the liberty principle - but also don't think it is wise to politicize every social and market interaction. This leaves room for selective use of disapprobation. Plus openness principle has a value too. So choose wisely!

Eric Clay @pictil1453
Replying to @WilRuger

Sure, and they can be boycotted and economically crippled by free individuals who want to do business with organizations that respect democracy and don't fund fascist. Works both ways asshole.

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And many alleged and real moral choices have downside trade-offs even for those you are trying to help as well as innocent third parties.

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Sam Altman

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Sam Altman @sama · 28s
t seems very c ear that elite co leges discriminate aga nst Asian American students, and that the Supreme Court is going to find this. (One expert said no d scrim nation wou d result in around 65% Asian American adm ts.)

The fact that th s has been so to erated speaks vo umes.

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Sam Altman @sama · 28s
Stopp ng standard zed tests—wh ch are imperfect and correlated with socioeconomic status—seems to be bad. Other items l ke the persona essay are surely more correlated and more hackab e.

'm a for look ng at test scores in context, but dropping entirely denies opportunity

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Sam Altman @sama · 27s
(I wonder if this is corre ated to the earthquake com ng when co leges can no onger d scrim nate against Asian American students.)

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Sam Altman @sama · 27s
Monocu tures suck. It's hard to know how many of the stories about ridiculous stuff happening on campuses to bel eve, but even if a sma l fraction of them are true, these are clearly no onger p aces hyperfocused on earning

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Sam Altman
@sama

(A personal anecdote: I was invited a few years ago to speak at a college but I was asked to give a 'privilege disclaimer', essentially stating that if I didn't look like I did I wouldn't have been able to succeed...

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Sam Altman @sama · 27s
Although I understand the sp rit and obviously I am privileged, I consu ted with friends from d fferent backgrounds and then decided what kind of message does that send to listeners?)

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Sam Altman @sama · 26s
The l st could go on for a long time, but the point is.

What a t me to start an a ternative to col ege! The world rea ly needs it.

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William Ruger @W_Ruger · 49s

The politicization of everything is not even close to an ideal world. We should protect some spaces from requiring a comprehensive view of the world. We need retreats, sanctuaries, and spheres where some issues are excluded but are focused only on the enterprise at hand

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The knitting circle can just be about knitting. The rock band about music. The baseball game can be just about baseball. This cuts all ways. I don't want to know whether my favorite players favor consubstantiation or transubstantiation, I just want to watch them play the game.

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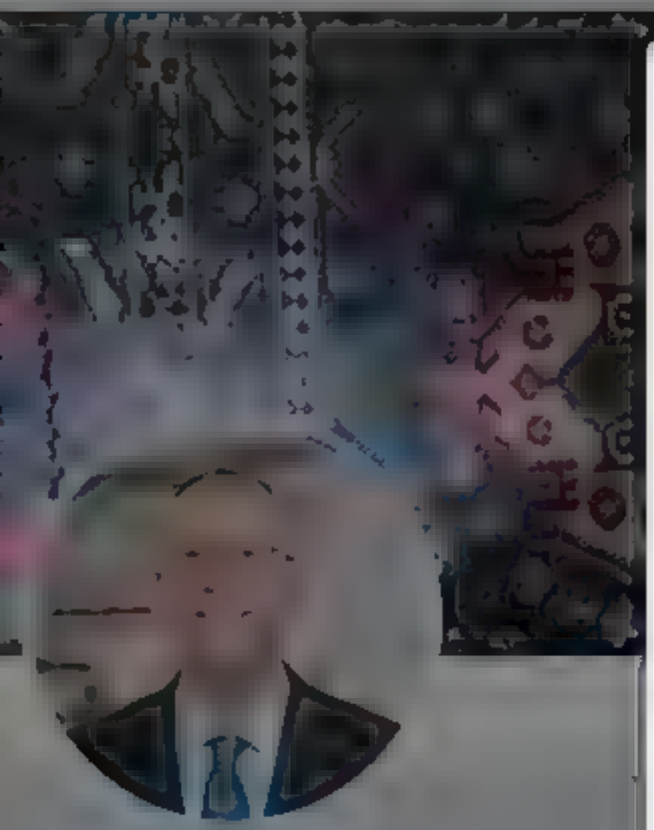
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Yes, economic freedom is a strong cause of sound economic performance.

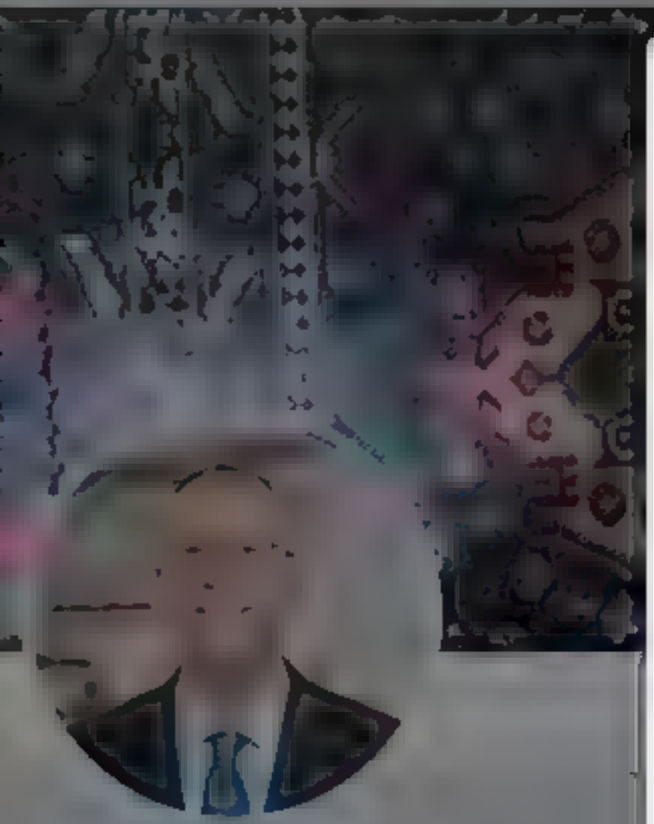
We have known since Adam Smith that opulence gained from peace, easy taxes, and a tolerable admin of justice.

Christina Pushaw @ChristinaPushaw

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Whenever I hear about "the people" vs parents when it comes to schooling, I also hear the sound of more people exiting public schools. Because when voice is cut off, many parents will choose exit over loyalty.

> **Alexander McCoy** @AlexanderMcCoy4
> The people collectively and democratically decide what information is necessary for kids to know in order to be good citizens, and that is what is taught in public schools
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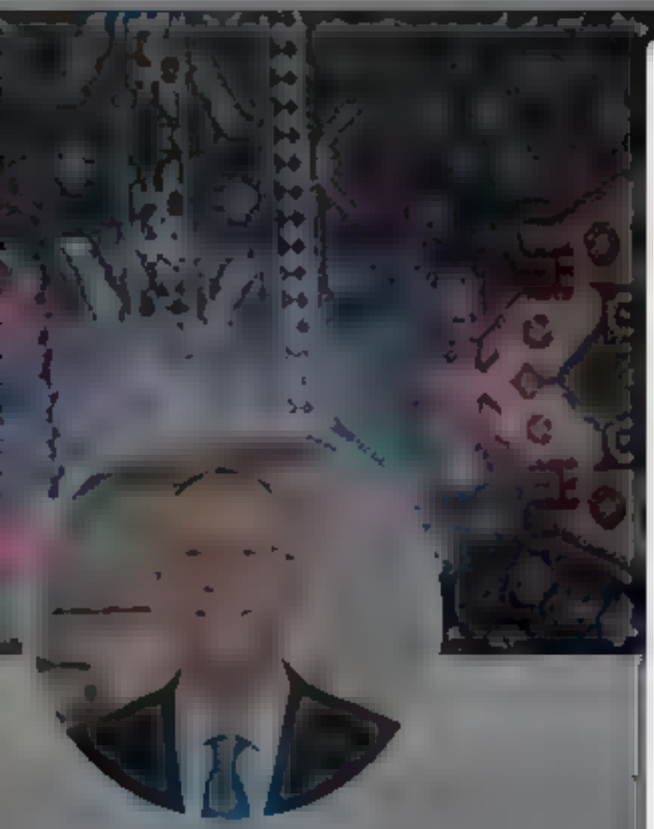
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Listening to fantastic discussion of federal architecture at #phillysoc by @JustinShubow. Very useful integration of speech and slides.

We underrate how bad federal architecture imposes costs on our lived spaces.

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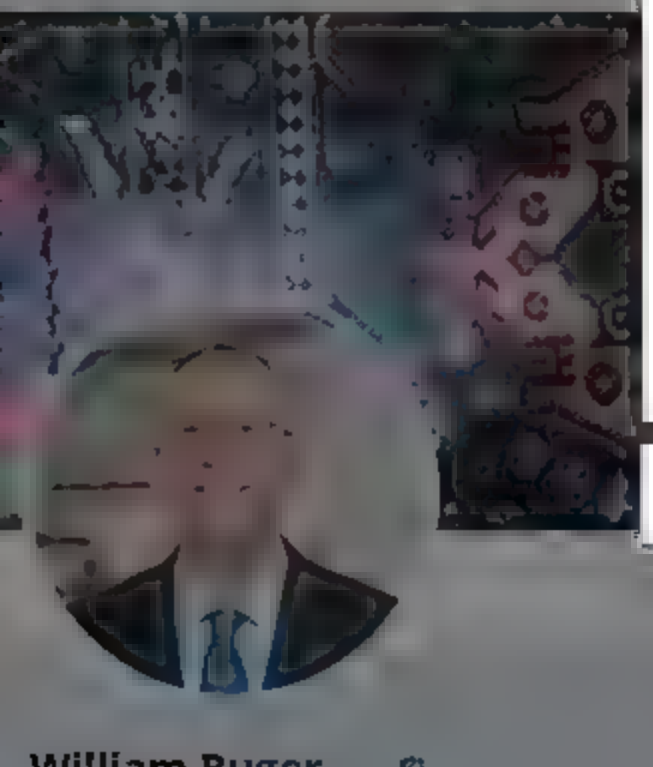
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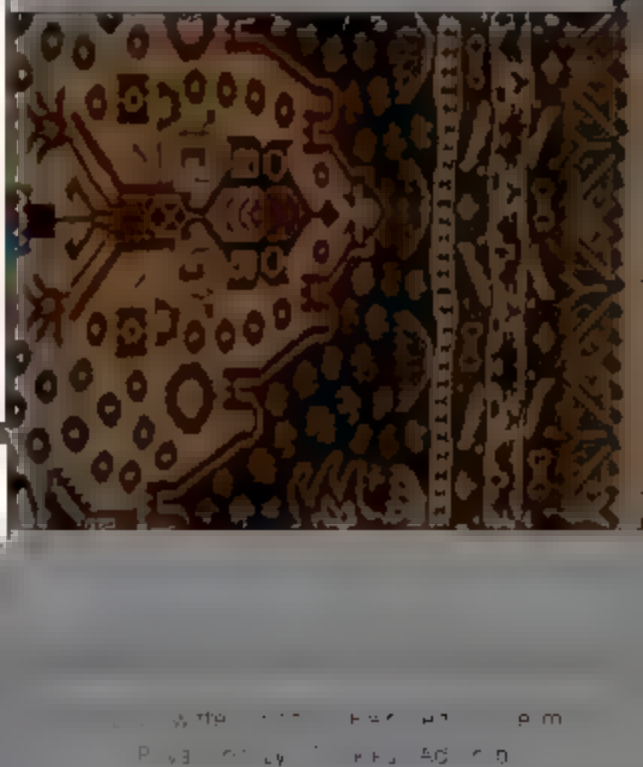
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Can the United States really be safe if the domino that is the Solomon Islands falls?

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Michael Kofman @KofmanMichae · 3h

This may prove an unpopular sentiment, but watch ng reactions to poor Russian military performance in Ukraine has taught me a bit about my own defense community, and that we may be psychologica ly unprepared for war with determined opponent that has some parity of capabi ity 1/

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Michael Kofman @KofmanMichae · 3h

Looking at some of the takes it strikes me that our expectations of success, ease of force employment, integration, logistics, and the potentia costs in a h gh end conventional conflict are overdrawn from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan 2/

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Reply ng to @KofmanMichae

*tactical and operation success (since strategic success eluded us).

But yes!

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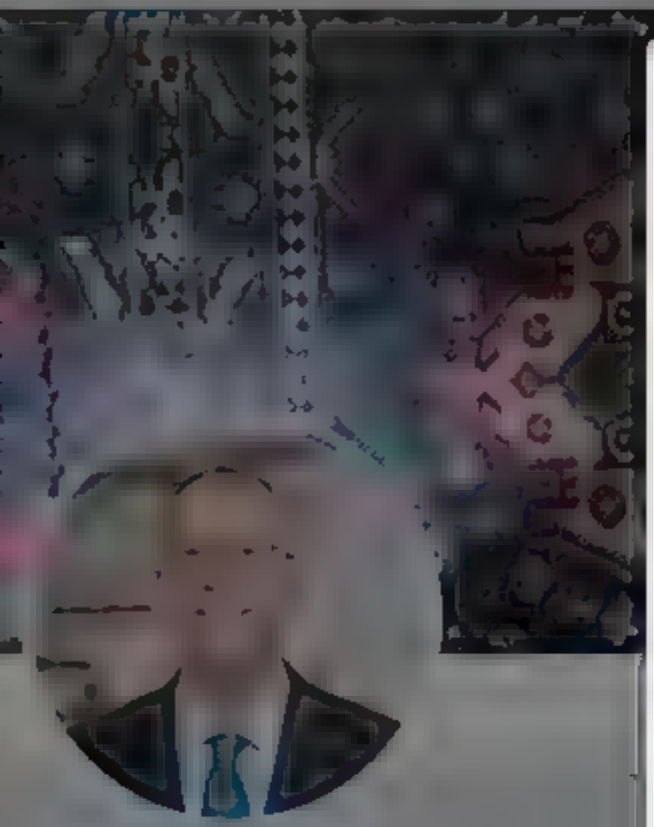
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No doubt we'll be gaslit and told again that this conflict was not in important ways about the issue of NATO enlargement.

> **max seddon** @maxseddon
> New details on Ukraine's ceasefire talks with Russia.
>
> - Ukraine has to give up on Nato but will be free to join the EU
> - Russia is no longer demanding "denazification"...
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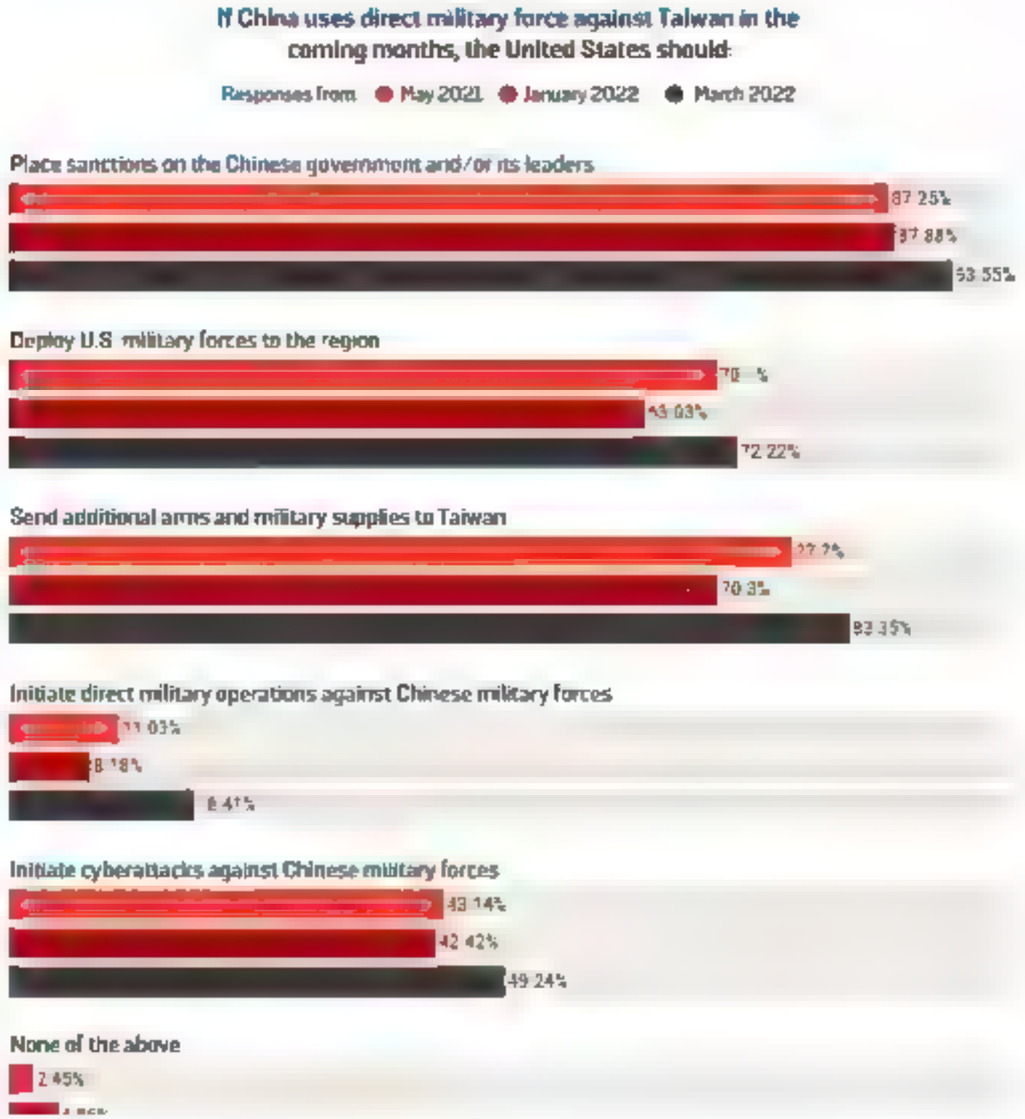
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Wow. More than 4 out of 5 IR scholars oppose fighting for Taiwan: foreignpolicy.com/2022/03/31/chi ...



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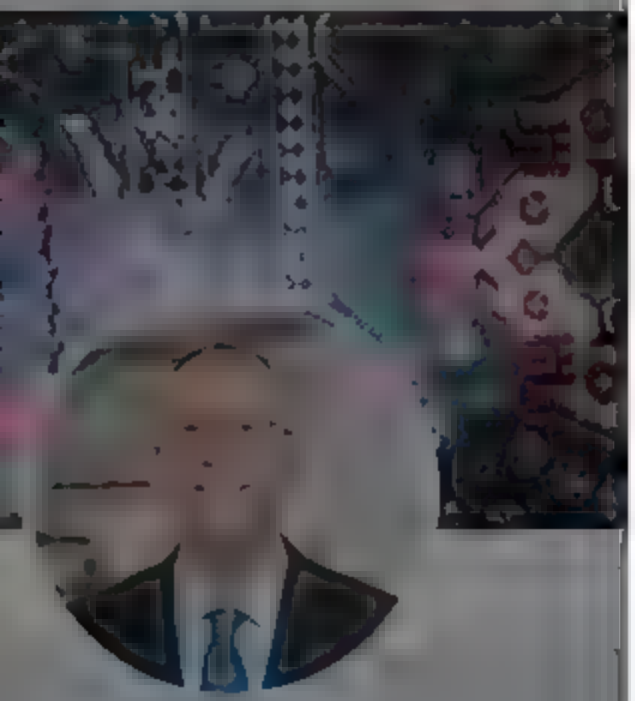
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Alex Ward @alexbward · 6h

NEW: U.S. is sending Ukraine personal protective equipment ahead of feared chemical attacks by Russia

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Replying to @alexbward

They can send the ones we had to cart to Afghanistan only to leave them in our shipping containers we lived in collecting dust. Someone made money on that deal.

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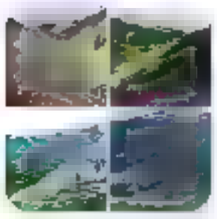
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Would love to someday safely return to #Afghanistan to see more of its natural and created beauties, especially its rug markets. @AfgEye



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The landscape of Faryab province during the spring season .

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One of worst things you can falsely accuse someone of is being a traitor. Yet influential people toss this charge around like it's nothing. It's despicable. And it certainly shouldn't be directed at someone who simply doesn't want to go to war to defend another people/country.

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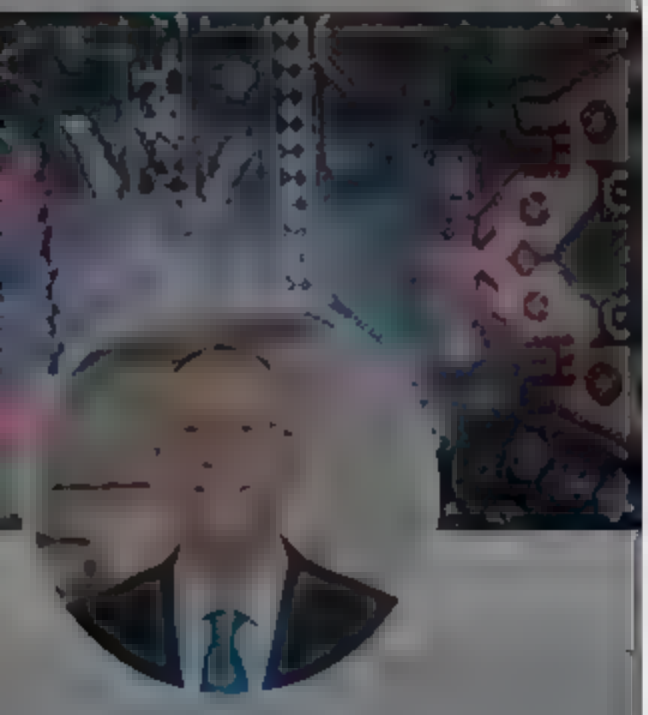
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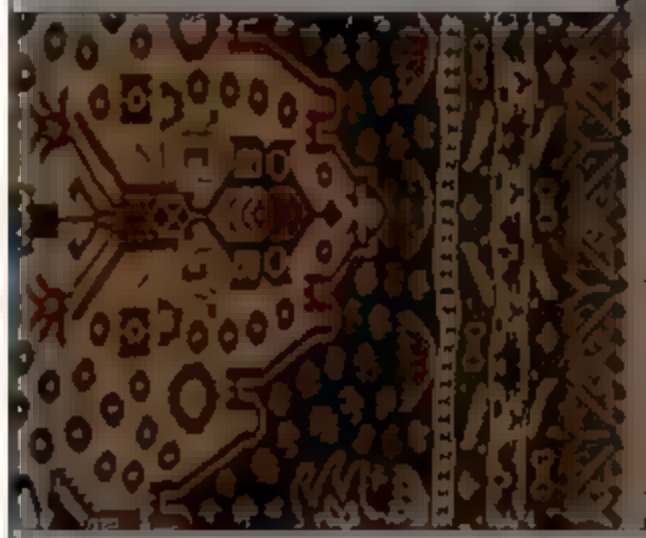
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While I too worry about problem of "bigness" (esp when biz intertwined w/ govt), we don't celebrate enough the many businesses in competitive markets that provide customers with so much value, from life-saving to more easily overlooked. I'll start: @Ritzcrackers, thanks @MDLZ

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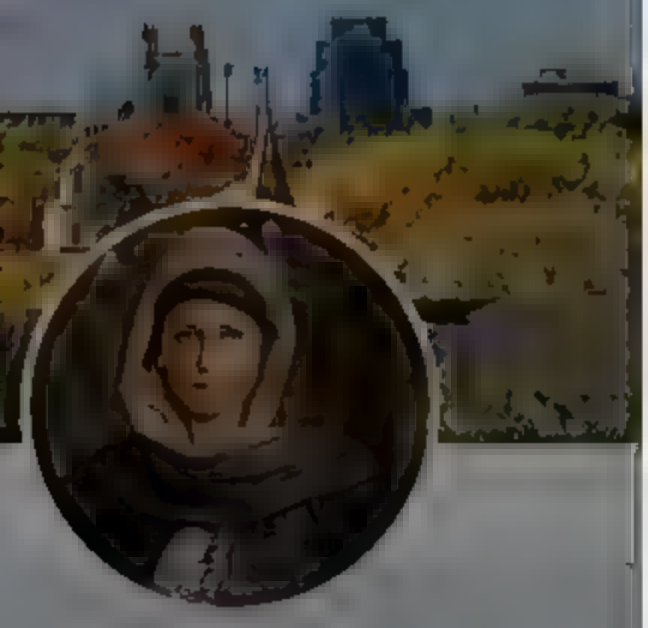
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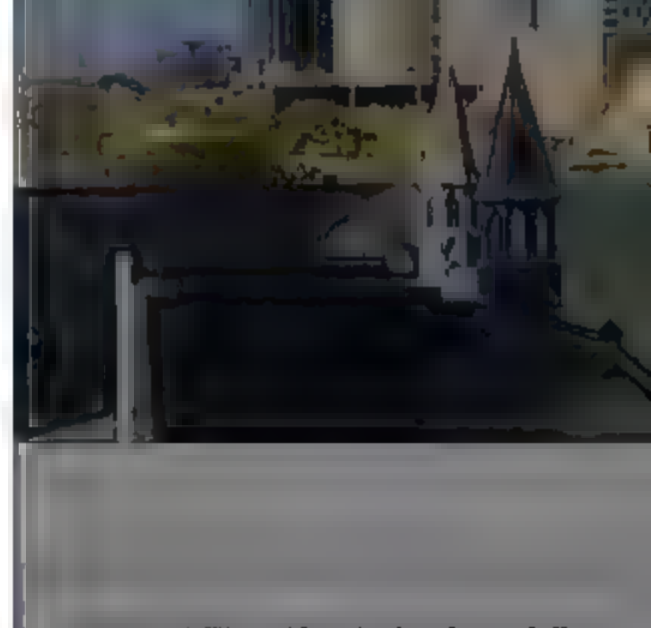


Dr Aisha Ahmad
@ProfAishaAhmad

Dear colleagues. Some of you are very emotional about the war in Ukraine. I get it. When your loved ones are in danger, international security no longer feels like a job. It's your life. Your heart. But now, more than ever, you need emotional discipline. Thread.

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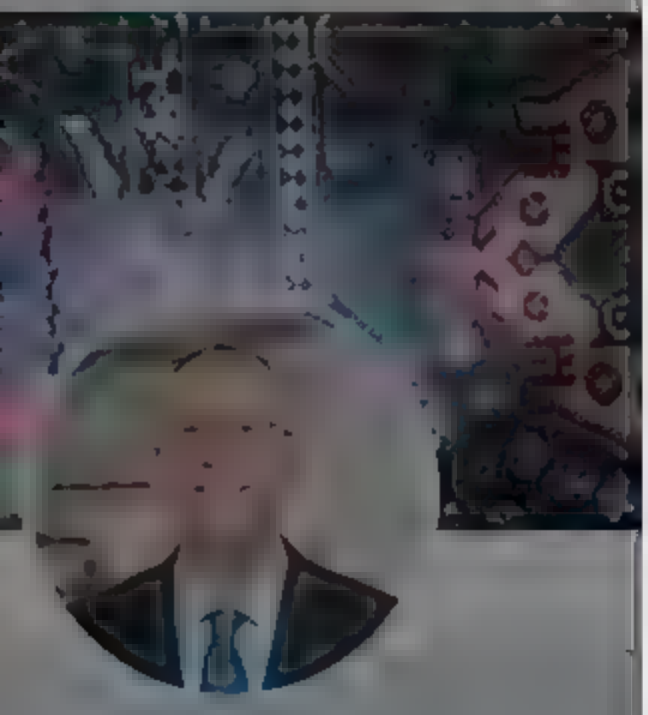
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Anyone have well-sourced military casualty figures on the Ukrainian side? If not (and even if they/we are pulling for Ukraine), why aren't journalists trying to ferret this out since it is useful information for public discussion of the war and US/NATO policy towards it?

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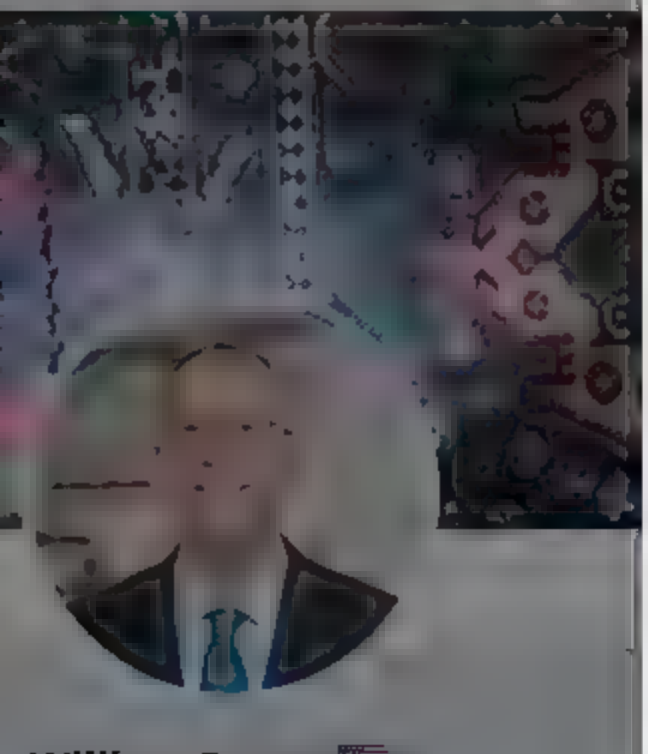
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Realism is hard for some people to embrace, but many of those who reject it loudly also aren't willing to step up and put their boots (or their kids') where their mouths are. It is always someone else who should fight.

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Emma Ashford @EmmaMAshford · 6m

I get the best fan mail. It will never not be hilarious to me that folks think I fake my accent to sound smarter

Subject

Is your accent serious?

Message

I heard you on NPR today. Nice content. Is your accent serious? I'm really hoping you grew up abroad, if so please disregard. Otherwise the phony persona you are putting on via this made up "foreign accent" is like nails on a chalk board. If you were born and raised in the USA... yikes. Anyone who has traveled or seen one film can hear right through this nonsense. By your pedigree it looks like you were educated and work in the US, no one in the US speaks like this. Keep up the good content, tone down the nonsense accent if you want to actually be taken seriously by intellectuals

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Replying to @EmmaMAshford

You really tricked us! What next, you are really a supporter of a NFZ?

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Damon Linker @Damon_inker · 2h

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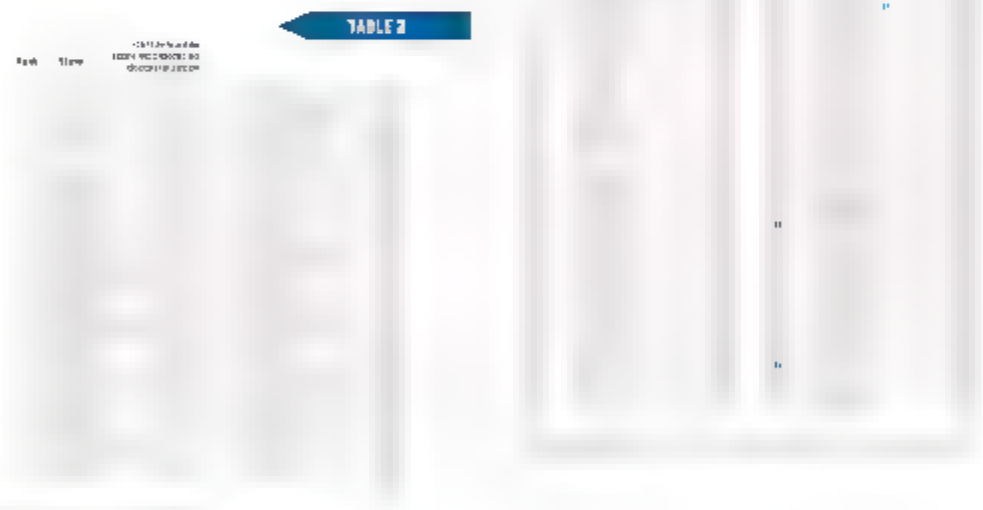
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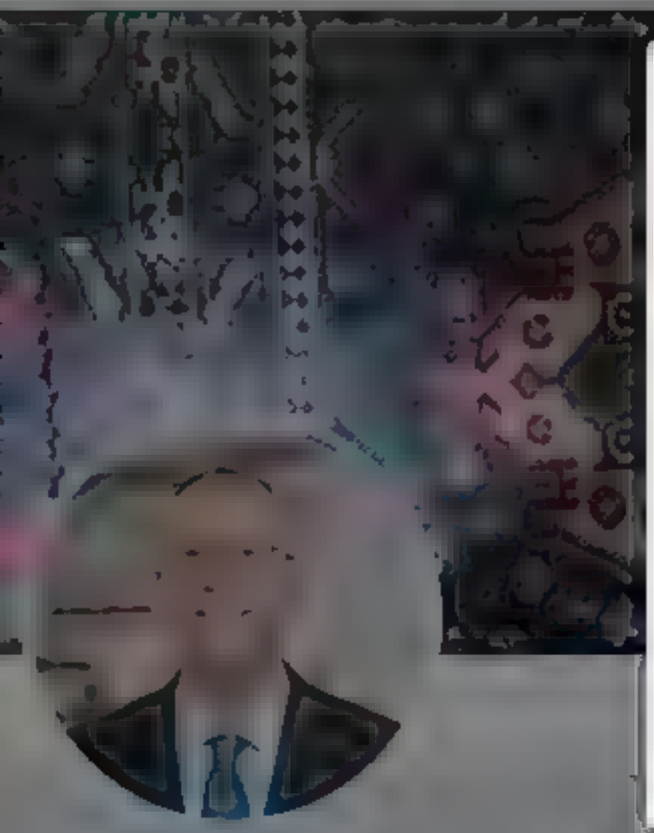
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Matt isn't exaggerating at all:

> **Matt Welch** @MattWe ch
> t has come indirectly to my attent on that peop e are dismayed I used the phrase "apoca yptic tro l" to describe co umnist Max Boot. It is a jarringly ungenerous descriptor, I admit. So I'd like to defend it, s nce I do try to take language seriously 1/X reason.com/2022/04/14/gat...
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William Ruger @WilRuger · 7m

"The cu ture of Auftragstaktik created the cond tions for adaptab l ty, whi e with Selbständ chke t a leader could change their order based on the c rcumstances of the moment guided by the h gher commander's ntent."

> **Michael Beschloss** @BeschlossDC
> Some m litary h storians be ieve that one reason H tler's army fe l apart in 1944-1945 E urope was that, unl ke the Al ied officers and sold ers trained n democracies, the troops schoo ed under the Nazis cou d not, when necessary, think for themse ves on the battlefield

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Beschloss' view understates what a tough fight our military had on its hands in WWII. Thankfully the Allies beat the Germans, but it wasn't because the German military was made up of a bunch of mindless drones.

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Yes, restrainers are the problem.....(and Anders blocked me, so I missed him beating the drums of war in the original).



Kyle Haynes @kyle_e_haynes
Good lord 🙄 Just for starters. 1) If Russia has declared war on NATO, they've chosen a curious strategy of...not attacking NATO And 2) how in the ever-loving shit would (conventionally?) bombing Russian cities prevent chemical weapons use?...

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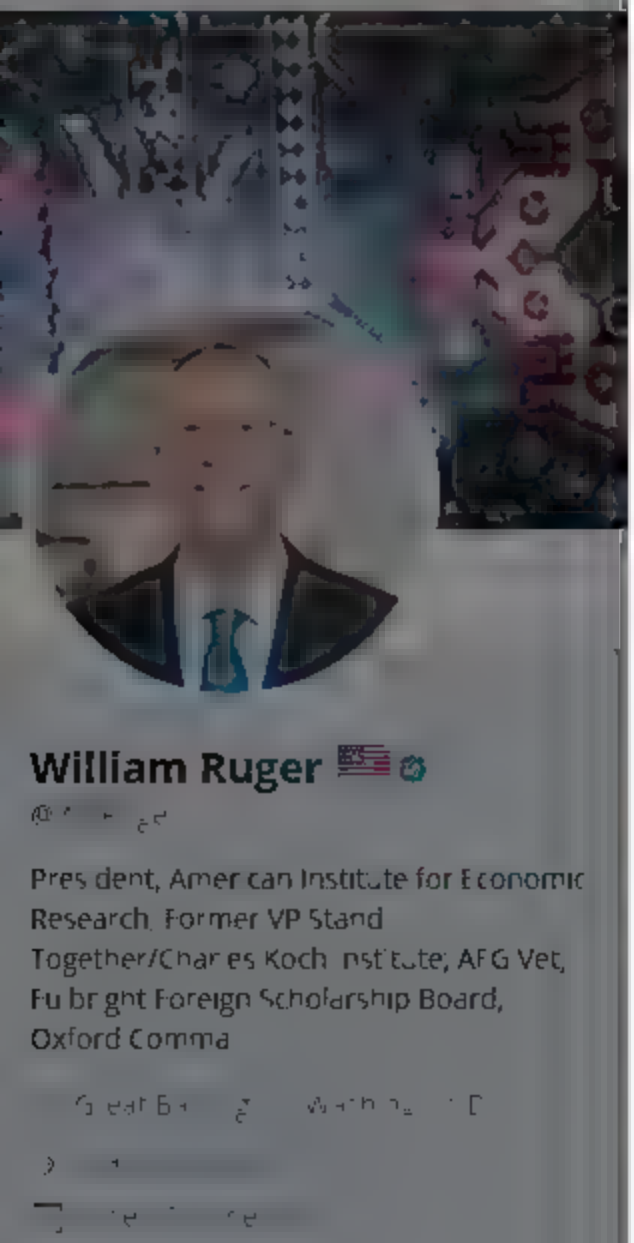
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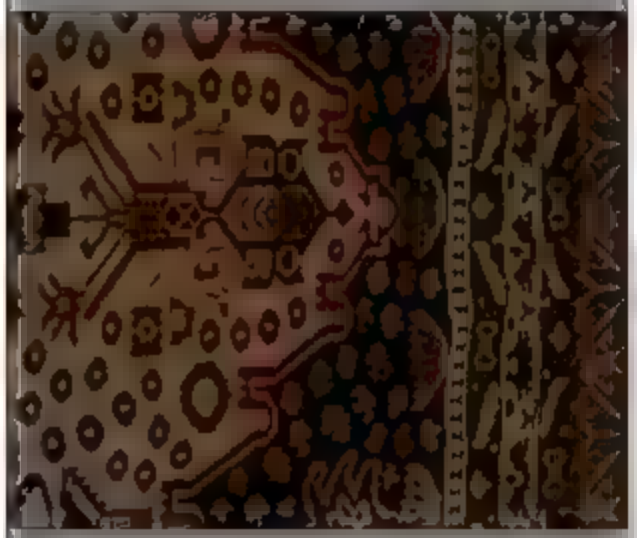
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And some good suggestions in here from @melindaharing and @JacobHe.lbrunn. Making progress on UKR corruption will be critical, not to mention the difficult task of rooting out those who have stood in defense of Ukraine but won't be so helpful in govt afterwards.

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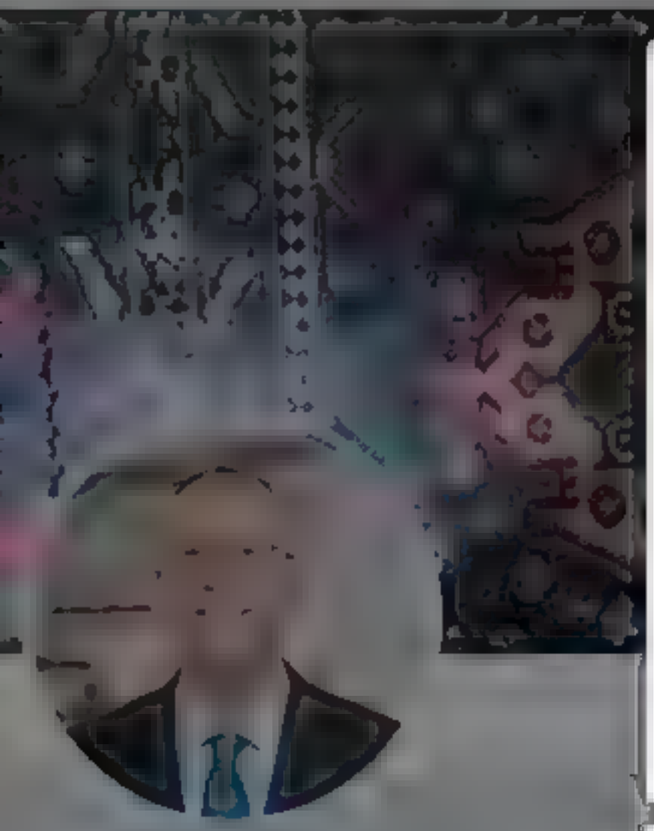
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A wild example of censoring speech leading to disastrous results for society:

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Burying the lede: “Despite all the drawbacks of fossil fuels, the U.S. military has few alternatives for the foreseeable future.” But Mattis, so must be gold...

> **Paul Szoldra** @Paul Szoldra
> Based on essons earned from the nvasion of Iraq, retired Marine Gen James Matt s told Navy researchers at Marine Corps Combat Development Command in 2005 to find ways to "unleash us from the tether of fuel "
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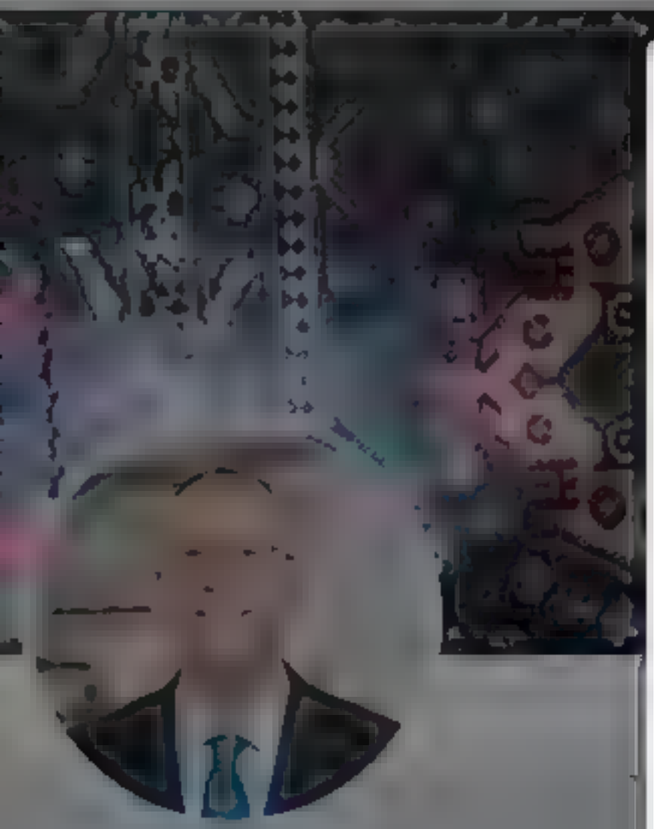
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Raise your hand if you think the Disinformation Governance Board will be merely unobjectionable resource center for counter-disinfo?

Cathy Young @Cathyyoung63

Rep ying to @AshbyM @shad ham d

Wel , my question is, what's th s board going to do. If it's a resource center for counter-d's nfo, I m for it. If it engages in actua content suppression I m aga nst it

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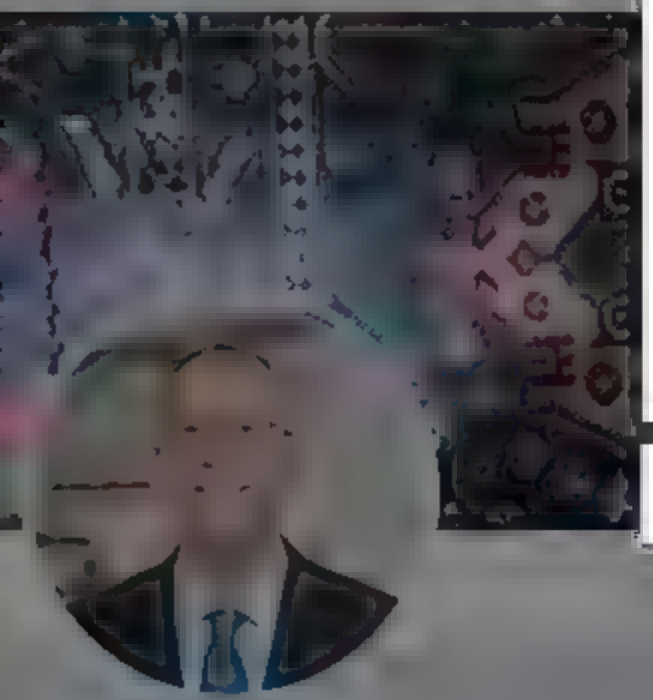
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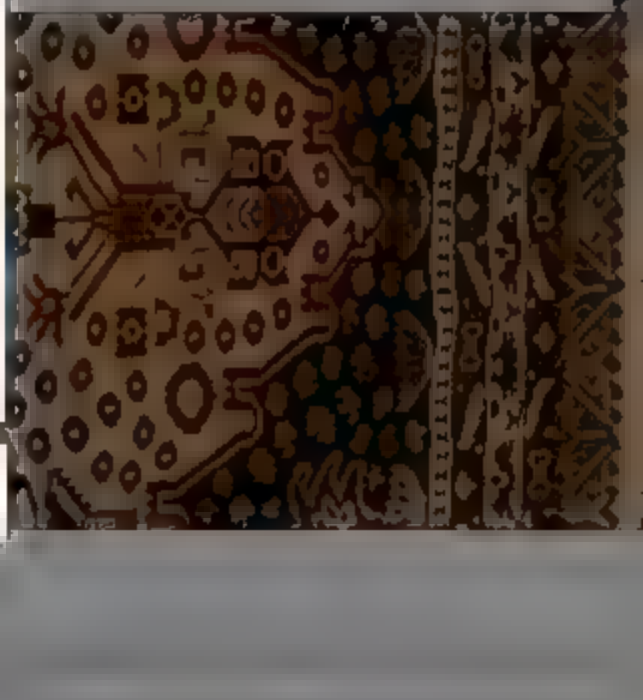
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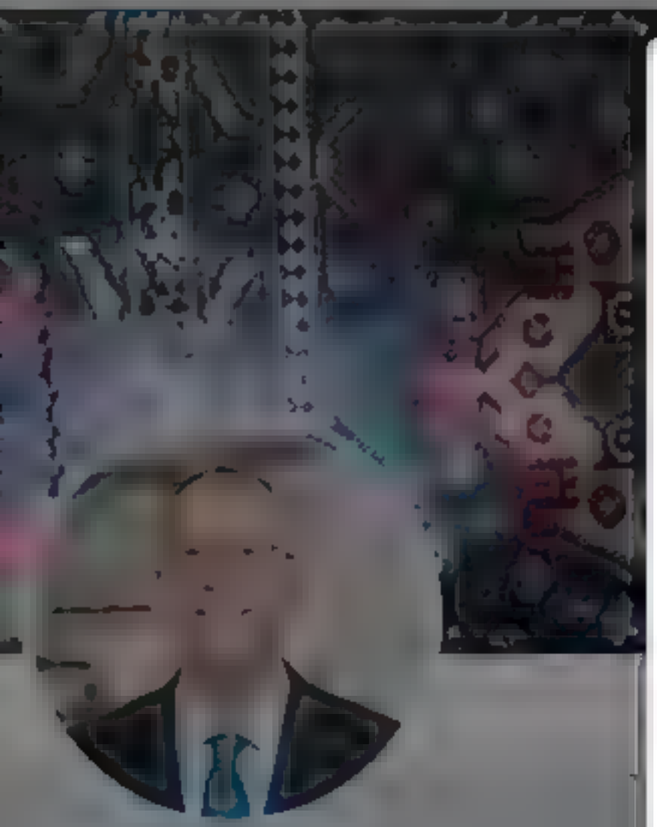
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"A good society is where the purchase of sex is legal but there is no supply or demand." #virtuelibertarianism



Nick Gillespie @nickgillespie

A good society should crimina ze the purchase of sex.' @bindel, & @reason's @ENBrown debate at the next @TheSohoForum on 5/9. Moderated by @GeneSohoForum Recepton follows. Come in person #NYC or livestream 25% off, use REASON code...

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James Jay Carafano @JjCarafano 4m

Normally agree w/ W l on many things. But a rea ist means not only looking at power re at.onsh ps but n factual manner. 2 be honest find he shapes rea ty 2 fit h s theories, he doesn't use theories 2 explain rea ity & th s is from someone w/ respect 4 body of his l.fet me work

> **William Ruger** @W l Ruger
> Replying to @J Carafano
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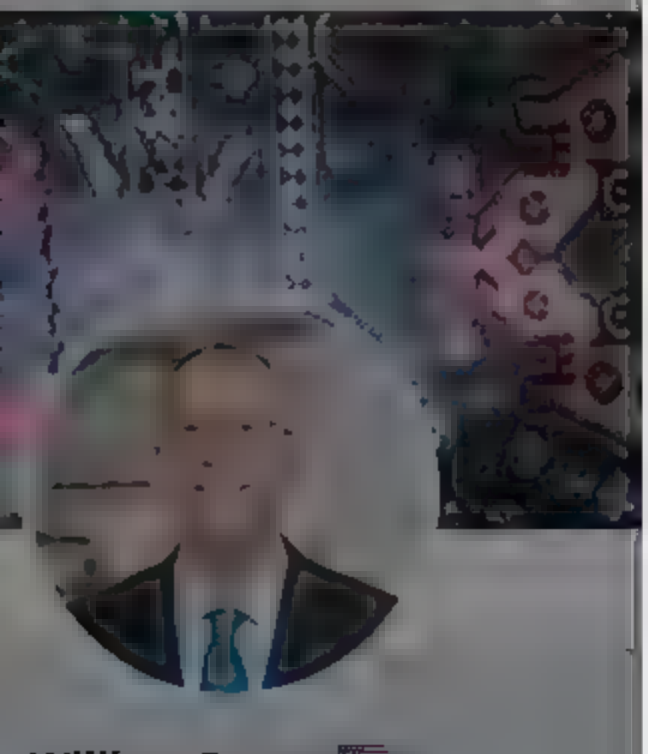
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America is not made more secure or prosperous by committing itself to an alliance with Finland. In fact, it increases the odds that we'd be drawn into an unnecessary war. These factors should be dispositive enough to oppose NATO enlargement to Finland

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You are, in fact, an absolutely terrible human being

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Amazing how different things are here in at least the German-speaking parts of Switzerland. I haven't seen a flag at all in St Gallen and saw only a few in Zurich. Have seen more in Great Barrington, MA and Arlington, VA than I've seen here in .

> **Andrew Kloster** @ARK oster
> The Ukrainian flag is the flag of the US state, wh ch is why I see more flags than flying over dc right now

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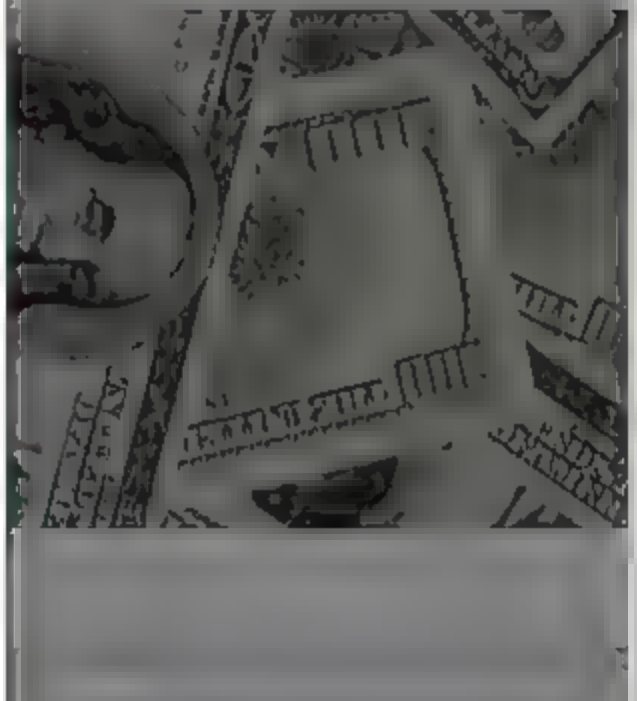
This willingness to admit they made a mistake last year reflects a big, underappreciated change in attitude at the Fed, IMHO. It took much, much longer to admit its role in the Great Depression and the Great Inflation.

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curtmills @CurtMills · 1h

who are the main remaining figures who still argue forthrightly that the decision to invade Iraq was the right decision, even with hindsight (a distinction some make)? I've got William Kristol, The Cheneys and John Bolton. Who else? Anyone?

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A rogues gallery for sure. Amazing these folks still get prominent platforms. In a better world, they'd have quit the business.

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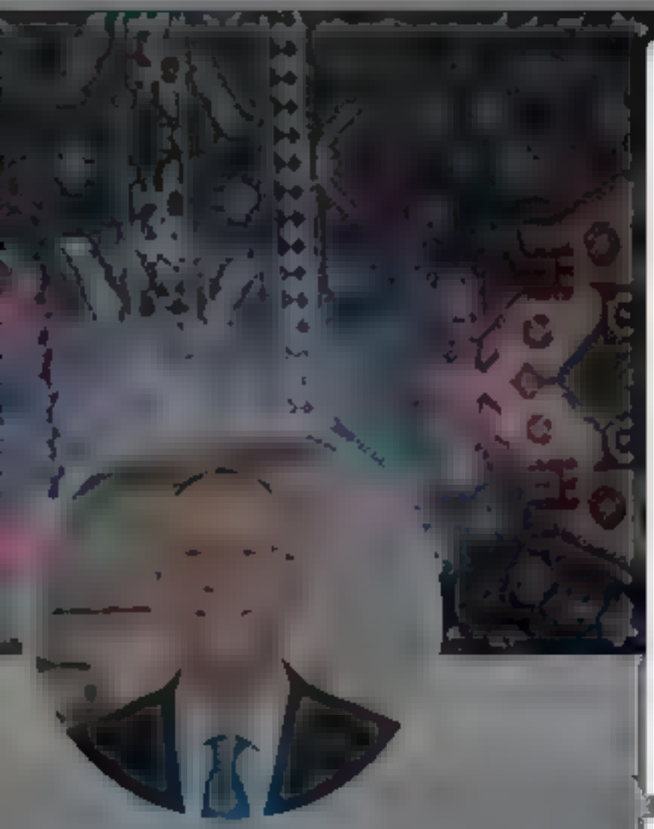
Most common response to any political or economic question in 🇨🇭 is:

“It all depends on the canton.”

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger 15m
Speaking of travel, we need new norm setting due to rise in people listening to phones in public w/out earbuds. Or maybe we have new norm, & norm I prefer lost. But looking at eye rolls around guy at airport & guy on train earlier suggests people agree w/ me

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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetris 10m
I've given up this fight. I'm now dejected whenever I go on public transportation.

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger 8m
Step up and provide the social good I just did and the guy didn't love me for it but such is life and little cost (so far...I'll avoid falling asleep on the plane.)

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Daniel DePetris @DanDePetris · 4m
I usually get a response somewhere between the range of "f—you, mind your own business" and "shut your mouth." So I just gave up and learned to live with it

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As I've told you before, leave NY.....

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American Taxpayer Last!

> **Marina Medvin** @MarinaMedvin
> One day and all those deficit concerns just went *poof*!

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Who's going to be our Eisenhower?

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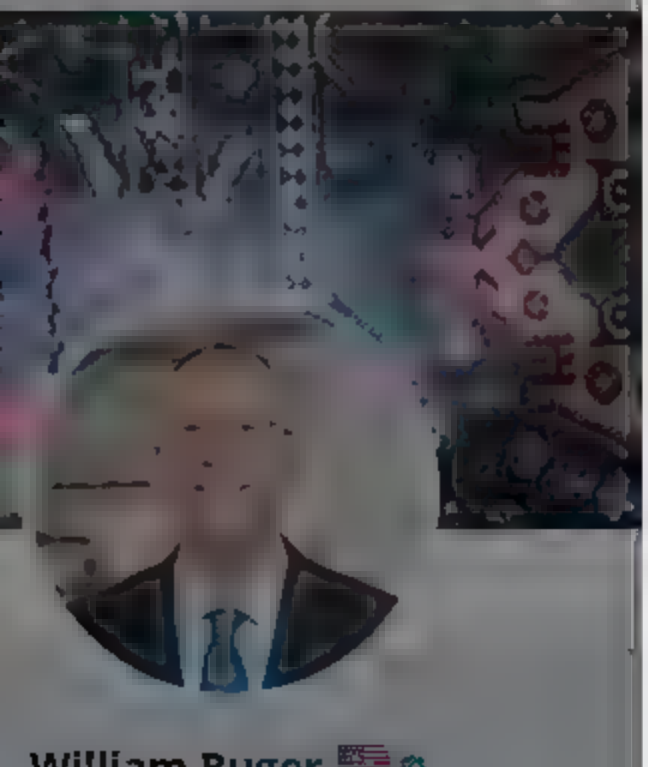
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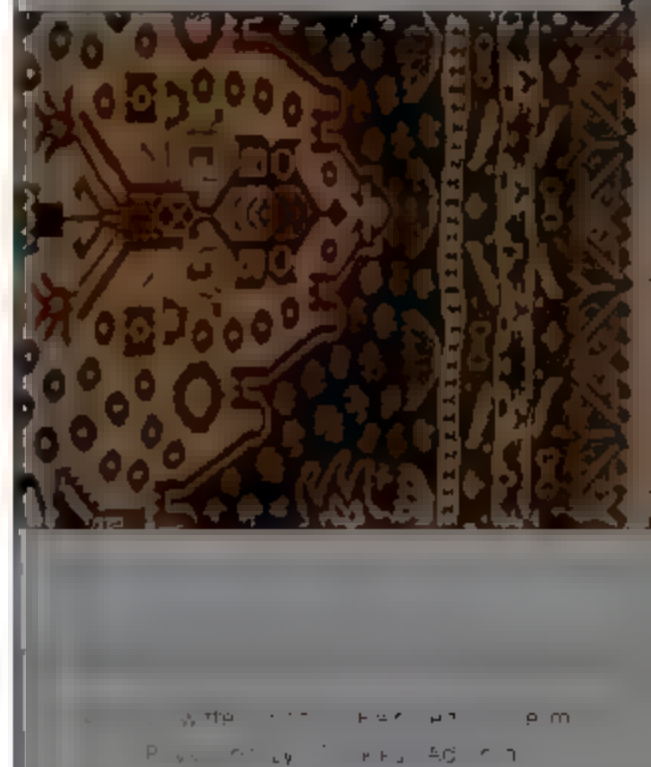
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Good for Ryan to defend open inquiry. (I disagree with parts of the article too, but it is thought-provoking).

> **Ryan Evans** @EvansRyan
> Quite a few angry naval sts have ob ected to the Pietrucha artic e we pub ished, some constructively and others less so. Here s to the latter. I have no regrets about publ sh ng it. It's a thought provoking article that's the result of a long period of professional research.
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Even @DouthatNYT agreeing with long-debunked domino theory?



Ross Douthat @DouthatNYT

Here, he argues aga nst any doctrine of pre-emptive restraint, in wh ch the fear of nukes leads us to restrain a Ukrainian counterattack. I partially agree but I think the point has limits.

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William Ruger @W l Ruger · 15m

Accepting the risk of nuclear confl ct for maximal goals in Ukraine s

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And if Russia is pushed to its wall and lashes out with a nuclear strike, breaking a long-established norm, Putin will be responsible. But let's not forget people playing with fire as background cause. It will have been avoidable at reasonable cost.

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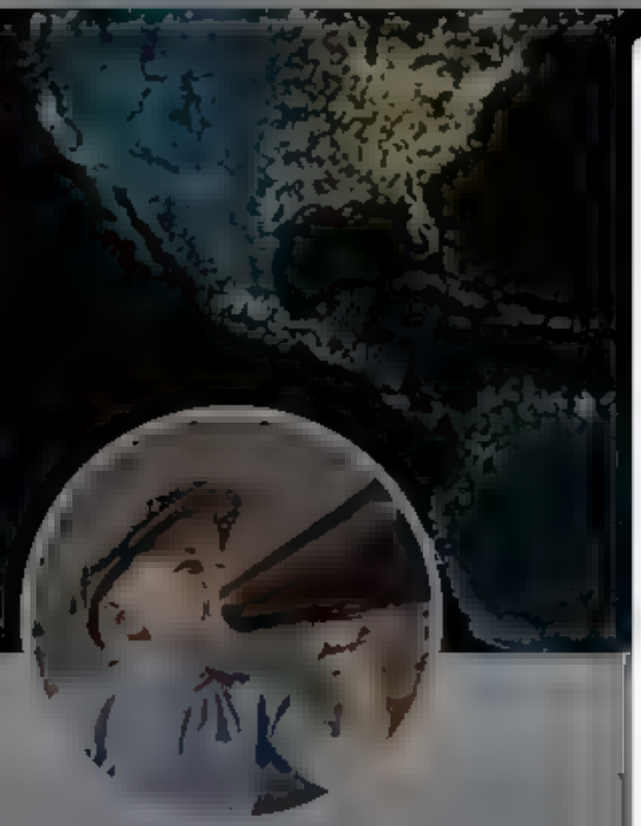
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Americans are becoming less supportive of punishing Russia for launching its invasion of Ukraine if it comes at the expense of the U.S. economy, a sign of rising anxiety over inflation and other challenges, according to a new AP poll.

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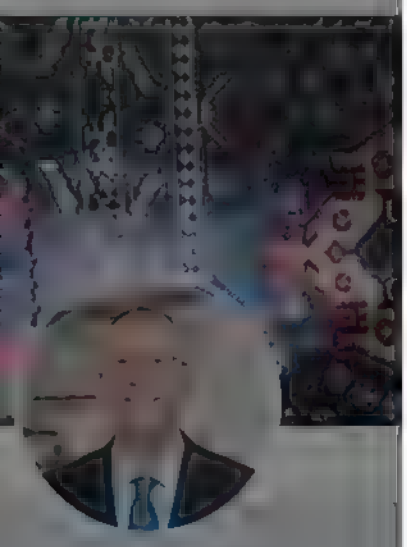
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The initial Russian offensive sought to press S ovyansk/Kramatorsk from zyum, and to envelop Severodonetsk at the same time, severing the two sectors from each other. Th.s was not an attempt at a big operationa enve opment in the Donbas, but nonetheless ambitious. 2/

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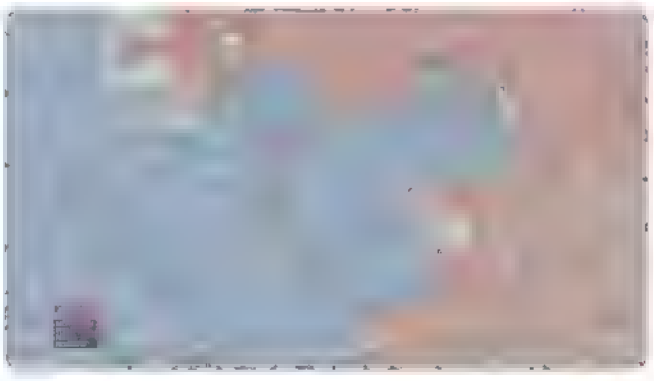
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Having been blocked south of Izyum, the thrust of the offensive shifted to Severodonetsk, where Russian forces hoped to ach eve an encirc.ement. zyum now seems to be a fixing action, designed to prevent UKR from moving substantial forces towards Severodonetsk. 3/

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Michael Kofman @KofmanM chael · 4m
UKR successfu ly pushed Russian artillery away from Kharkiv, but Russian forces sti l hold a narrow strip of territory north of the city. That said, it is not clear that the UKR offens ve n the north has the forces or momentum to threaten flow of Russian supplies to Izyum. 4/

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Michael Kofman @KofmanM chael 4m
Russian forces have broken through further south at Popasna. Th s now threatens to sever Severodonetsk/Lysychansk and create a pocket. UKR forces also conducted tactica retreats further south at Svitlodarsk. The Russian mil seems to be push ng towards Soledar. (Nathan s map) 5/



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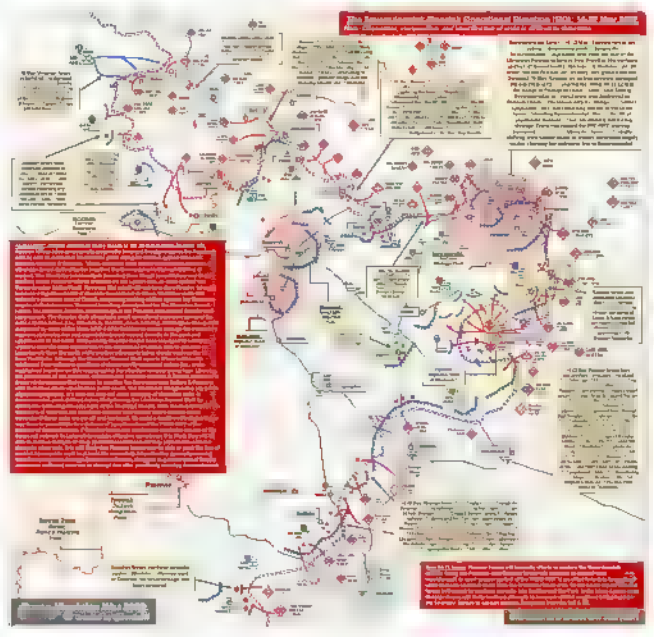
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The extent to which this breakthrough at Popasna threatens Ukraine's overal pos tion depends on whether or not Russian forces gain momentum. That in turn hinges on force avai ab l ty, reserves, and logistics to support this advance. 6/

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Michael Kofman @KofmanM chael · 4m
Russian forces have also begun encirc ng Lyman, and supposedly entered the city, which suggests they wi l probably consolidate contro. of terra n north of the Donets river. Meanwhi e UKR forces wi l move to secondary defens ve lines. 7/

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Michael Kofman @KofmanM chael 4m
[illegible] has good details on the recent movements, I wil instead focus on the broader p cture. I don't think the Russian offens ve looks stal ed, and while slugg sh, there is no good way to predict when it wil culminate. This is why I often say that outcomes are contingent. 8/



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Michael Kofman @KofmanM chael 4m
Recent Russian gains in the Donbas, desp te a re atively weak mi itary advantage, suggest that UKR forces have suffered sign ficant attrition Zelensky mentioned a range of 50-100 KIA per day. This is a high casua ty rate. 9/

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Would be good to know what the UKR order of battle looks like right now, especially as US provides more support.

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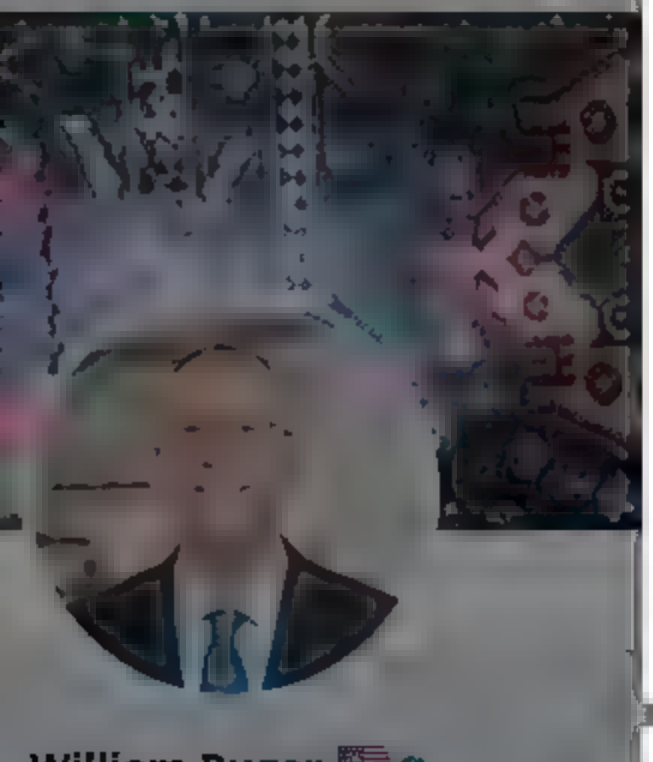
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Short 🧵 to consider on UKR by Raj Menon:

Rajan Menon @rajan_menon_

1/Consider 2 scenarios in UKR. 1. R consolidates control over what it now holds in UKR:most of Lugansk, Donetsk & Kherson ob asts;circa 2/3 of Zaporozh zia ob ast (but not the eponymous city);the Azov Sea coast & part of the Black Sea coast. It then calls a ceasefire & digs in

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Poss bly of relevance to issue of not should (tomorrow's debate topic) but can Ukraine "humi late" Russia

> **Sudarsan Raghavan** @raghavanWaPo
> Ukrain an leaders project an image of m litary invu nerabi ity against #Russia. But commanders offer a more real stic portrait of the war, where outgunned vo unteers descr be be ng abandoned by their military brass and facing certa n death at the front.

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Senator Steve Carlson 2.022 @SteveWCarlson · 9m
WTH are you ta king about humi iating Russia for? What is your problem? What good does it do you or anybody to be humi iating anybody? smh

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Seems silly so would have liked more explanation.

> **Econlib** @Econlib
> "If you're trying to understand, say, the current war Russia attacking Ukraine think fiction often does you better than to read political science and international relations." @tylercowen with @EconTalker owl.ly/tba150,3sgh

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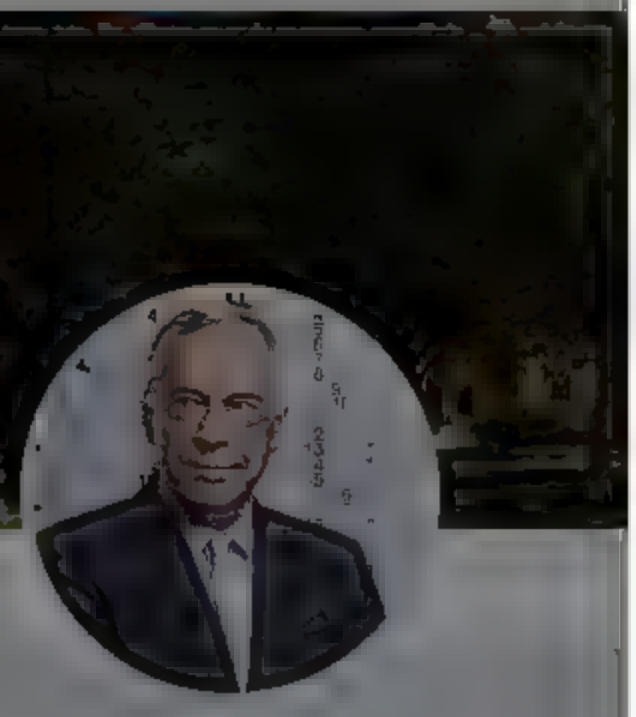
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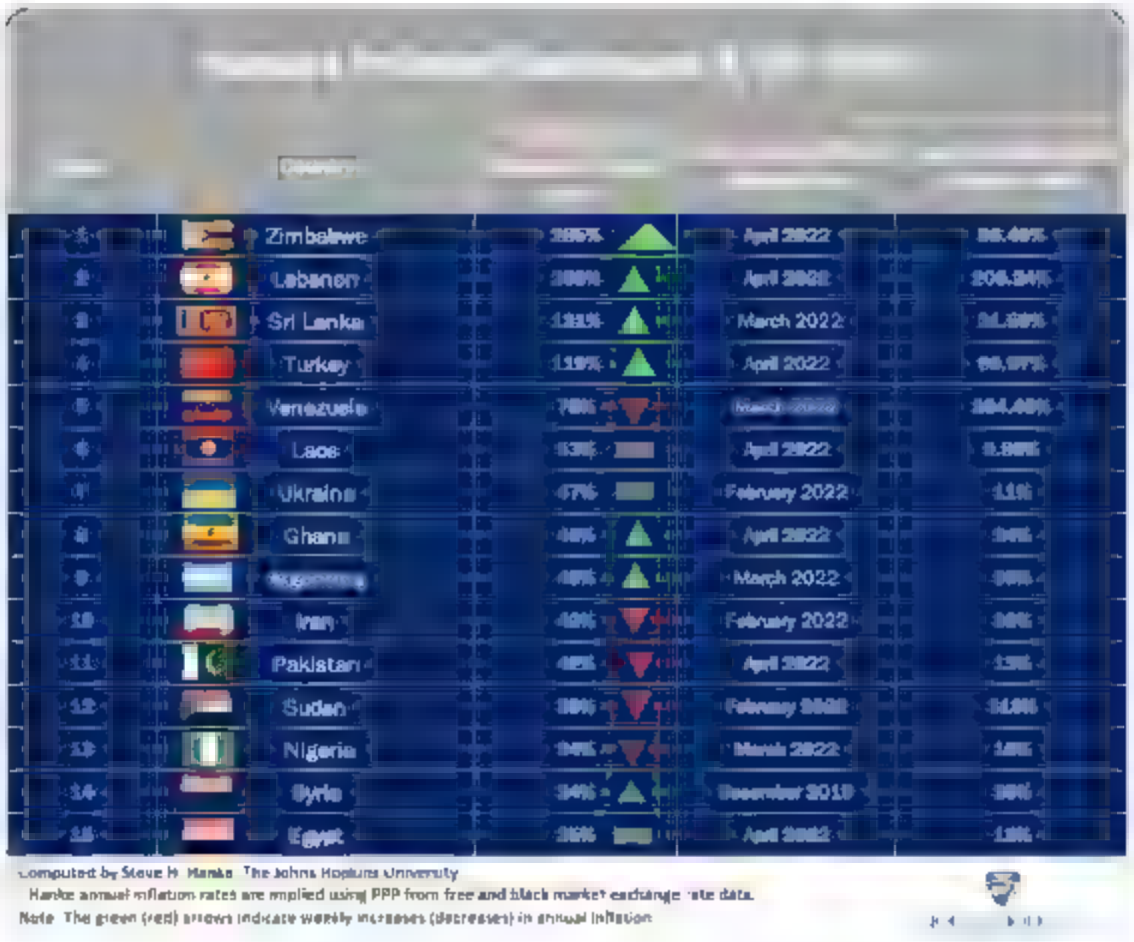
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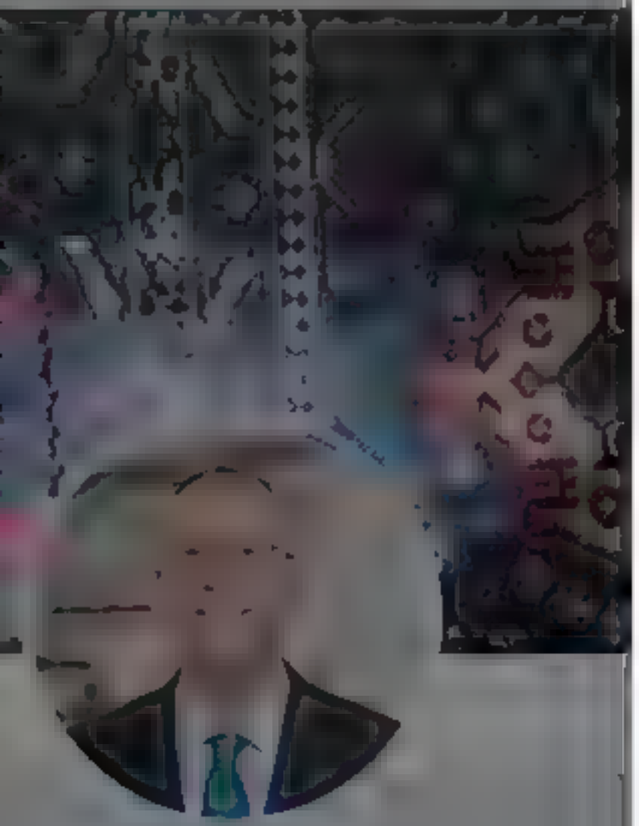
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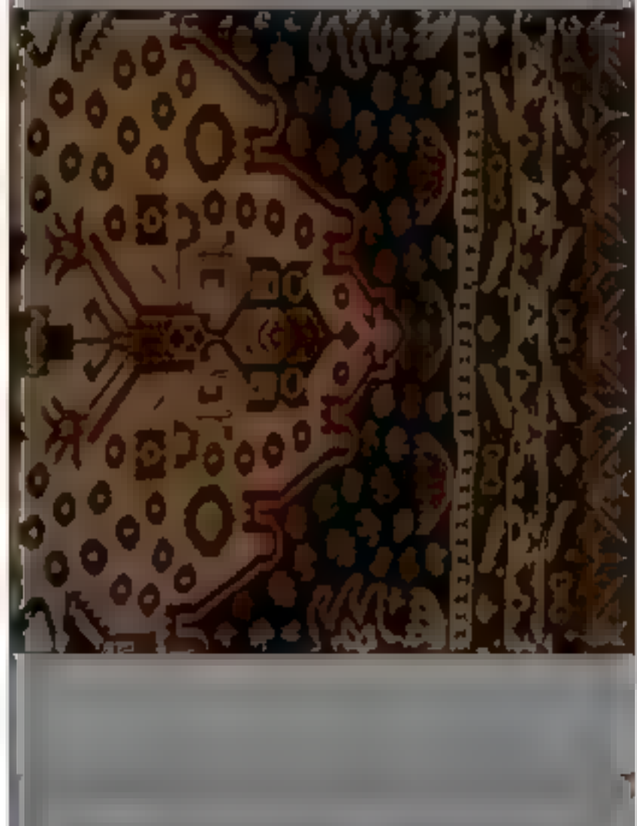
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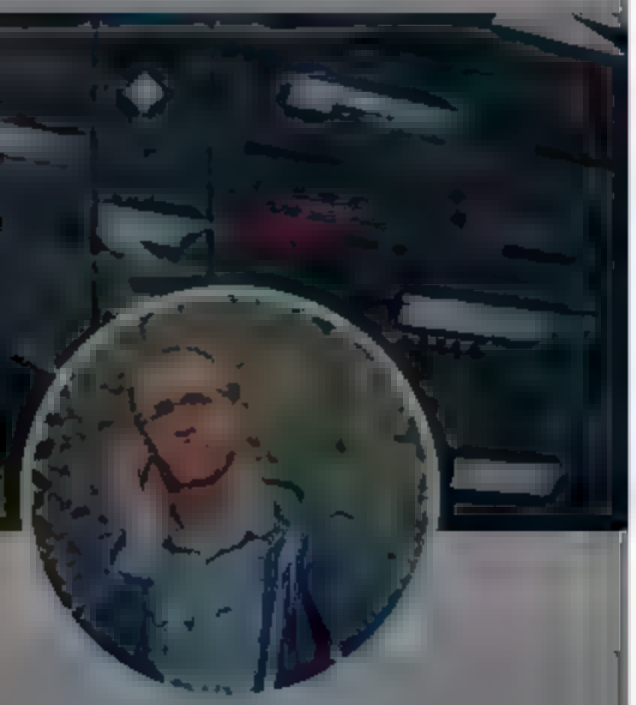
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"The Brookings Institution said retired Marine Gen. John Allen resigned as the think tank's president, following a controversy over his alleged lobbying efforts for Qatar."

John Allen Resigns as President of Brookings Institution

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Somebody find me a single empirical macro paper that does a variance decomposition of inflation that shows that the fraction of the variance in inflation explained by money growth is 0.0%. Otherwise, stop retweeting this nonsense into my feed.



Mark Zandi @Markzand
Understanding what is behind the painfully high CPI inflation is key to understanding where it is headed and when. This table should help with this. The Russian invasion and spiken oil and other commodity prices is the #1 reason, followed by the

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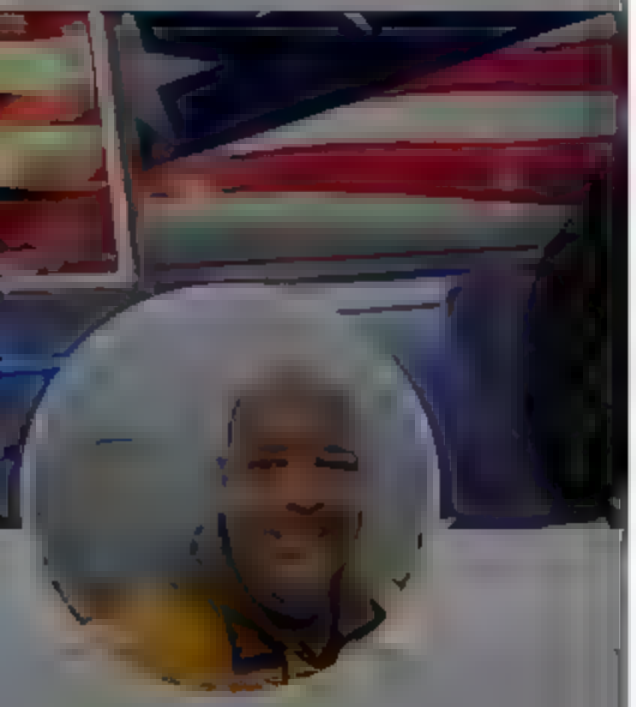
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'We don't need to' drill more oil in the United States.

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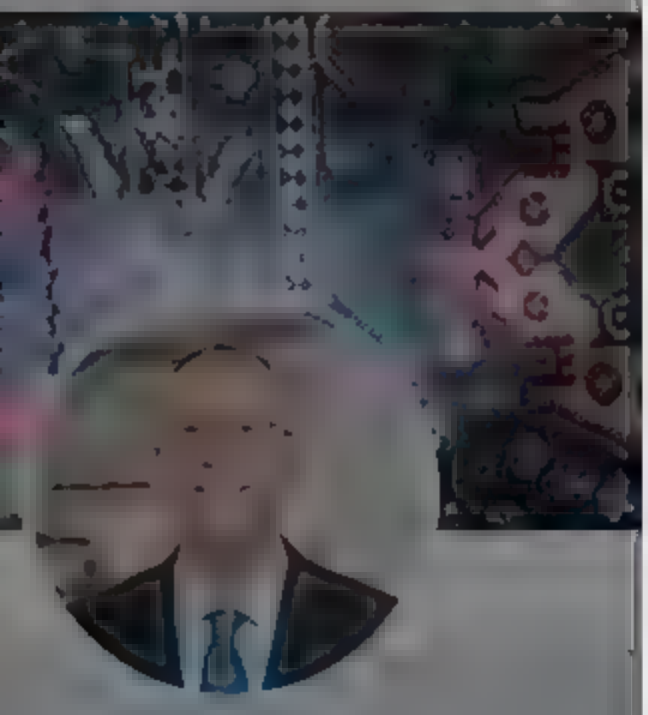
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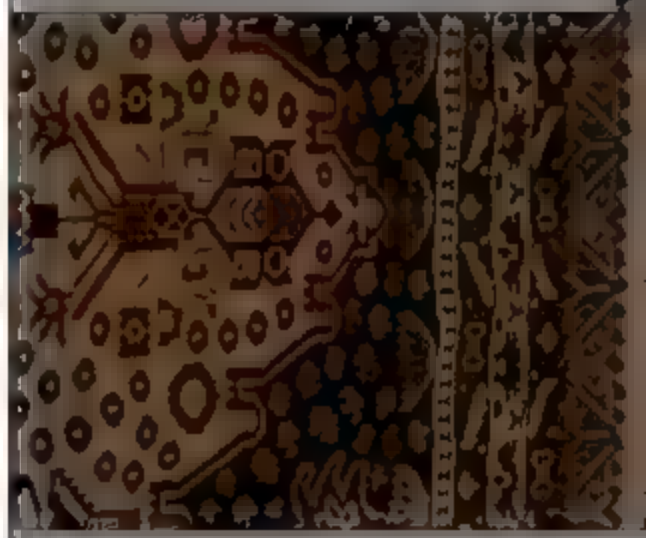
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Wonder if @Twitter has done any analysis of how long people leave things like political statement emojis (like flags) in their bios. Curious b/c seems like there has been a drop in Ukraine flags in bios & might correlate w/ general reduction in social media or search interest.

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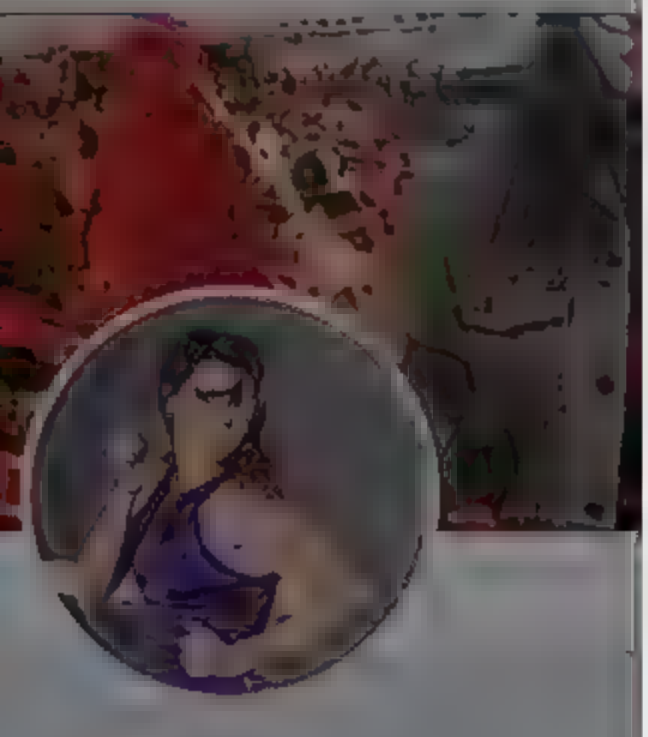
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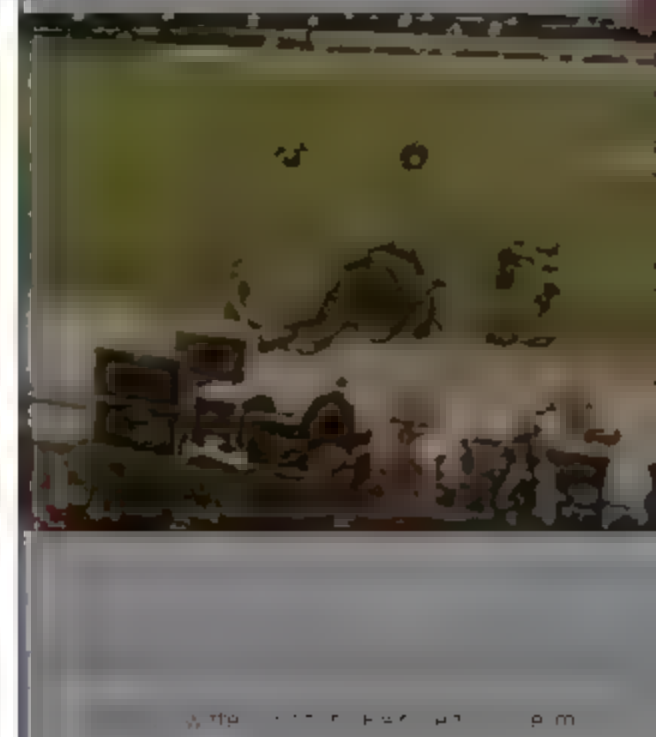
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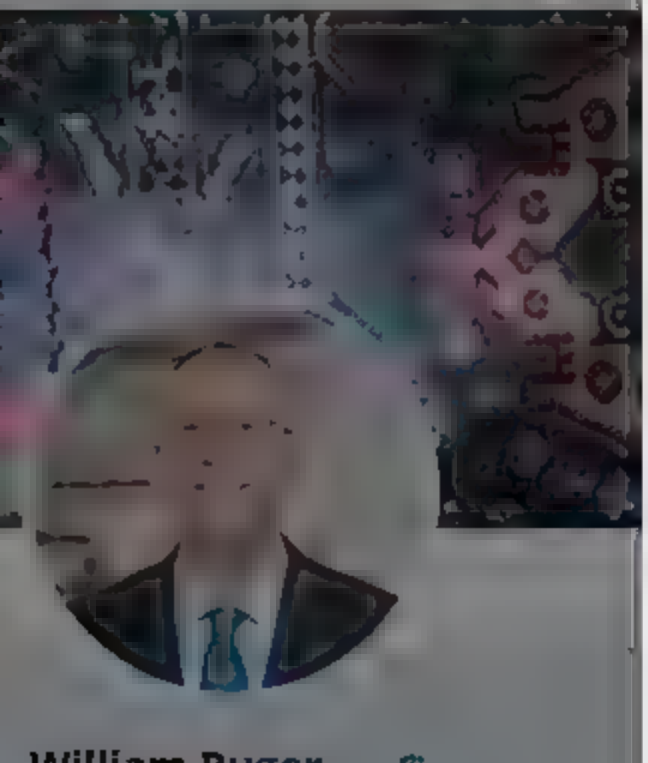
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Sad to hear about this natural disaster in a country trying to recover from decades of war and terrorism.

> **Abubakar Siddique** @s d ab
> Tal ban offic als are now report ng that the death tol has already surpassed 2,500 n only two distr cts of the southeastern Paktika Province
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The blue and yellow flags could be coming down in less than 24 hours across the Super Zip codes in favor of a different cause here at home. Ask the Afghans about the attention span of our elites.

9:20 AM · 22 Jun 2022

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William Ruger @WilRuger 2h
But maybe not, as SCOTUS is really dragging out the opinions

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Chris @TRUMP_WPA · 1h
Replying to @WilRuger
we need an "I'm for the latest thing" flag

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PJ @pj_1984 59m
Replying to @WilRuger @RobManess
They should never have gone up

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A string of cliches sewn together is not a speech.

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SamuelGoldman @SWGoldman · 1h
Replying to @WilRuger
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Jon Greenberg @jongreenberg · 20h
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Unfortunately you have described 90% of political speeches.

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Alex is right but too generous. We've expanded our alliance commitments well past point where all of the allies we have make sense from standpoint of our vital national interests. And many in DC want to expand further to places like Georgia, which would be diplomatic malpractice

> **Alex Velez-Green** @A ex_agvg · 12h
> Sure, but that's only part of the story
>
> When a country fa s to do what's necessary to defend tself, t makes t far more d ffic t and cost y for the USA to do so
> As a resu t, t may no longer be n America's interests to defend it (or defend it as vigorous y). 1/2 tw tter.com/mike mazza/sta
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Elbridge Colby @ElbridgeColby Jul 2

Bingo

"The most fundamental level of what this is about: sheer power. If the US allowed China to seize control of Taiwan, US position in Asia, and hence as a global power, would tumble overnight. Its alliance structure in the East would collapse" 1/



foreignpolicy.com

The Real Stakes of Taiwan

It's not about democracy. It's about power

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William Ruger @WilRuger 47m

This is at odds with what realism would predict about how China's near peers like Japan would react. Namely, they'd balance not bandwagon

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Yoram Hazony @yhazony 25m

How can realism predict one way or the other? Doesn't balance or bandwagon depend on perceived likelihood of the relative power relations?

2 1

William Ruger @WilRuger 21m

Hence why I noted "near peer." Sure, tiny states that are geographically proximate are likely to bandwagon. But not those who are still relatively powerful and have strong incentives to balance (avoid being lesser partner, etc).

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Yoram Hazony @yhazony 2m

Yes. But in practice, is Australia going to balance? Depends on what the possible coalition looks like. If the US and India look feckless, internal disarray, compromised or ideologically crippled, Australia will seek an accommodation

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Replying to @yhazony, @ElbridgeColby, and @Redmond_P

Well, if Australia (weak, far away) is critical to our safety, then we've got bigger problems.....

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Chris Hayes ✓
@chrislhayes

Wrote up some thoughts on what I see as popularism's Iraq War Problem



msnbc.com
Opinion | Popularism's Iraq War problem
My main objection to the current line of neo-centrism is that I've seen this all play out before. And it ended in disaster

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William Ruger @W lRuger · 21m

Celebrated some good things w/ a family dinner at Bamian Restaurant in Falls Church, VA. 1 of 2 best #Afghan places I've been to in US. Food was high quality, very fresh vegetables, & nice private booths. Recommend bowlawnee & kadu (pumpkin dish). But everything was fantastic



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Kelly Jane Torrance @KJTorrance · 10m

Is the other one in Baltimore? Looks great!

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Replying to @KJTorrance

I actually ate #Afghan last week as well. At this place below in Baltimore owned by a Karzai. It was good but I had take out (so not sure I could judge fairly). But the other one I was thinking about was Aracosia, featured here: washingtonpost.com/food/2021/12/1...



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This is great news. The Atlantic Monthly was a great magazine. Still some writers like Conor worth reading.

> **Conor Friedersdorf** @conor64 5m
> A note from @JeffreyGoldberg
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David Neumark and Peter Shirley on the minimum wage literature -



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Turning down a $440 million offer seems a bit too risk acceptant to me.



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Report: Soto rejects $440M, Nats to hear offers
The Nat onals are will ng to l sten to trade offers for Juan Soto after the star outfie der re ected a 15-year, $440 m llion contract offer, according to a report

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My @aier colleague @DrSamJelGregg with a gentle critique of the economics of National Conservatism. Special emphasis on the problem of cronyism that plagues industrial policy.



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The Poverty of Nat onal Conservativ sm
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A mistake to see "democracy" as a set of outcomes as opposed to procedures for determining who gets to wield pol tical power Key is free, fair, open, and regular e ections - not progressive priorities, something that @DamonL nker points out in his substack is the benchmark..

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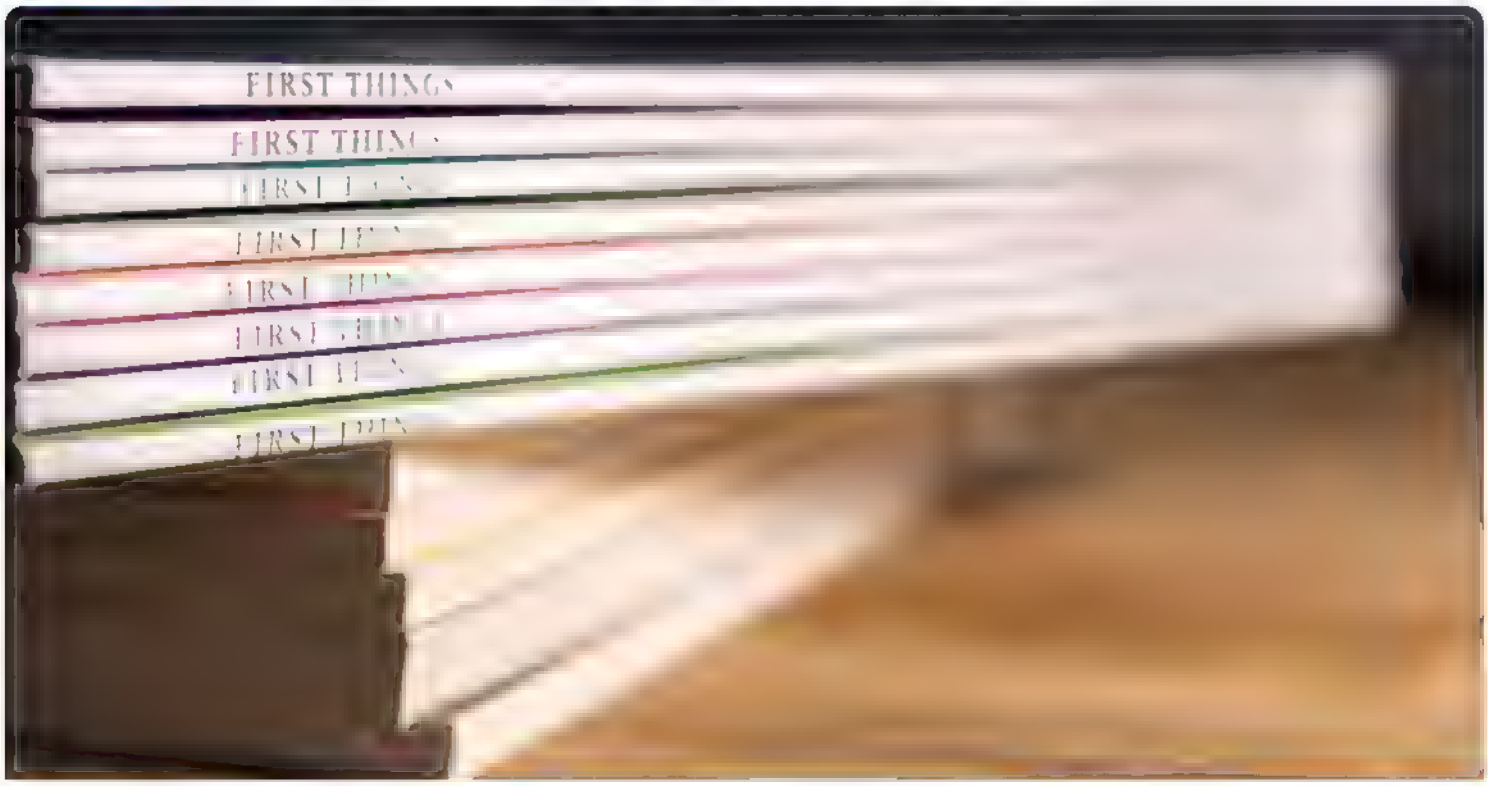
...for many leftists like Sam Adler-Bell.

At the point that we meet the minimal criteria, we can look to use adjectives like "social democracy," "liberal democracy," and even "illiberal democracy."

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Rep ying to @W IRuger
And we can then criticize or heap normative praise on these forms of democracy given our pol phil commitments.

@FareedZakaria does so in his old book "The Future of Freedom," which I discuss here 20 years ago



firstthings.com
Too Much Democracy? | William Ruger
The Future of Freedom iberal Democracy at Home and Abroadby fareed zakar aw w norton, 286 pp,

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These judgements are better then say ng as Ad er Bel does that democracy "is something that has never ex sted" n the Un ted States This just doesn't pass the smell test.

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Of course we could go full itera ist and claim only d rect democracy of Athens or New Eng and town meeting (absent constitutional constraints) passes test of what is democracy But that also wouldn't qua ify to him unless yielded policy preferences of Cambridge, Mass!

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Hans Morgenthau, an OG Realist: "The issue of the national interest vs. other-national interests masquerading as the national interest has arisen constantly in the United States."

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Bruce Hoffman last August: "until now we have benefited from an on-the-ground presence providing human intelligence and ensuring a robust response capacity to the discovery of any terrorist infrastructure in Afghanistan. That is now gone."

Guess we could make do!

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Providing my take on Zawahiri strike and its ram,fication for U.S. grand strategy Shows U S. can do effective inte, co,lection and kinetic strikes aga.nst high value targets w/out boots on ground or even an allied regime Supports arguments made by advocates of AFG withdrawa



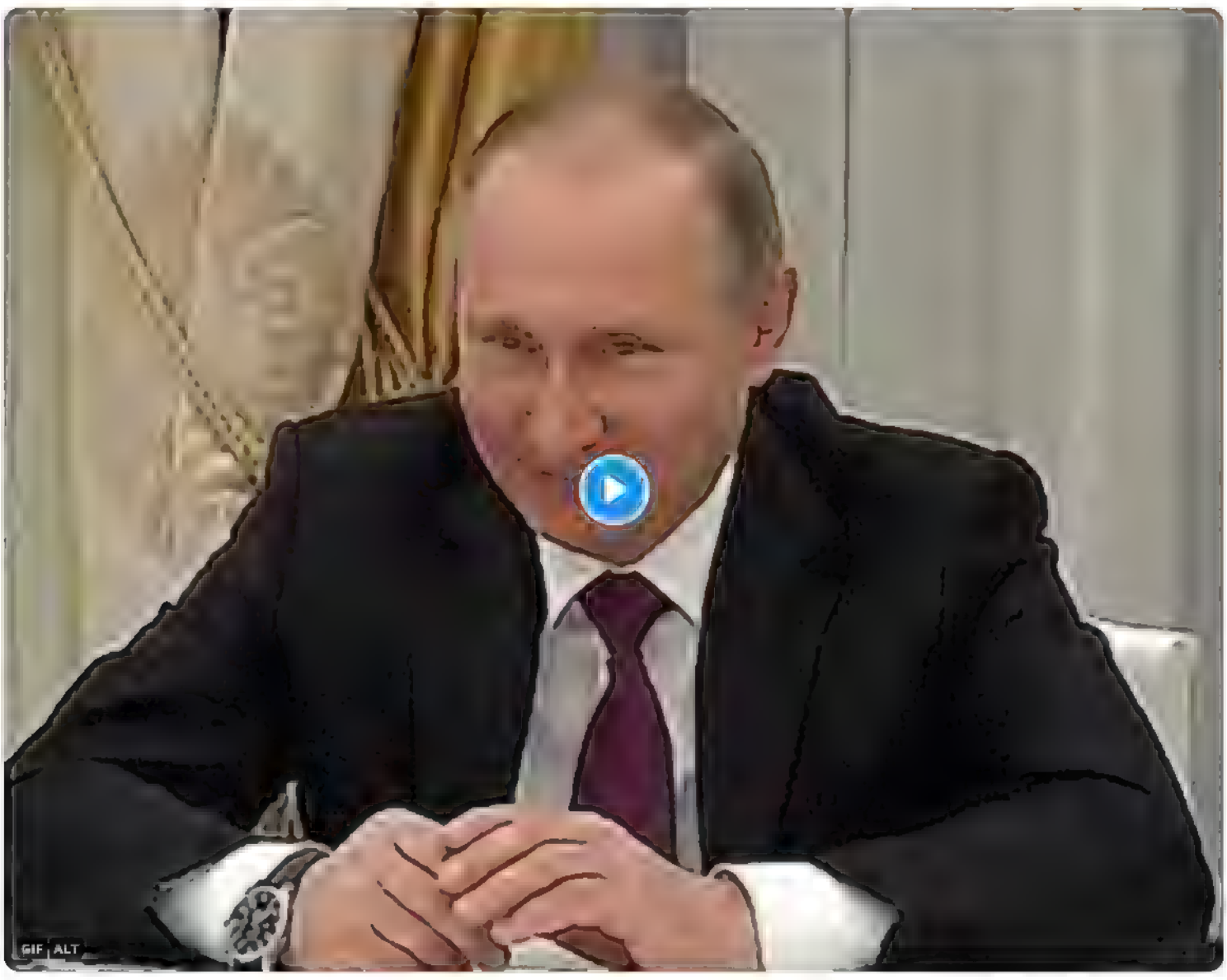
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Ian Wilkie @W Ikmaster 5h

The Afghan withdrawal was good for Americans but awful for Afghans. Where is the justice in that?

Chart Westcott @ChartWestcott · 19m

You're looking for "justice" in fore gn po. cy?



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William Ruger @W IRuger 10m

Looking to satisfy our national interests - & one of roles of state (accd to Constitution) is to provide justice for Americans w/in confines of vital interest in security These things can go together, though not always. Prudence will dictate balance In this case, both satisfied

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William Ruger @W IRuger 5m

As I've said before, we have three vital national interests. They are 1) territorial integrity (our security or safety here at home); 2) conditions of our economic prosperity; 3) our liberal democratic system here at home Justice for Americans would fal under #3.

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William Ruger @W IRuger 3m

Key is that military force can do little for #3 most of the time But cybersecurity is one of them. And bringing pirates to justice is another, satisfying #2 as well. Go Navy!

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William Ruger
@Wil.Ruger

Rep ying to @W IRuger @ChartWestcott and @W Ikmaster

But it isn't the role of the U.S. to provide globalized justice or justice for non-Americans. It is specific to our people.

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William Ruger
@Wil Ruger

Standing athwart your legislative colleagues and acting alone when you think you are right is virtuous. Definitely the case with @RepBarbaraLee in 2001. Also @HawleyMO more recently.

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William Ruger @WilRuger 3m

The funny thing about this perspective is that the same avoidance of "libertarian" as a label or identifier is seen among classical liberals and other right-of-center folks who are pretty libertarian in their views. 1/

> **Aaron Ross Powell** @ARossP 8h
>
> It's pretty clear that the "libertarianism" label has become irredeemably toxic from its appropriation by far right cultural authoritarians, and should probably be abandoned. I prefer "radical liberalism" myself
>
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William Ruger @WilRuger 3m

2/ But reason they avoid the term more & more is because they don't like the left cultural baggage which not only isn't required to be a libertarian but could actually work against the culture, values, & social institutions that provide a foundation/buttress individual liberty

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William Ruger
@WilRuger

3/ Or they are looking for a bit more complexity and nuance in the analysis of complicated policy matters than they get from many libertarians, esp when the ideal in one area can't be easily approximated in reality without other hard-to-accomplish changes in other areas.

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William Ruger
@Wil Ruger

Relevant to Realism and Restraint movement.

> **Dave Wasserman** @Redistrict · 1h
> I've seen enough #WA03 Rep. Ja me Herrera Beutler (R) has ost ree ect on Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D) and Joe Kent (R) w advance to November
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Adams is probably the worst of them though Just doesn't get near the publicity

> **Jerome Adams** @JeromeAdamsMD 6h
> People often bring up European nations like Denmark to criticize US #COVID19 policy towards kids Yet they fail to ment on eg Denmark has a 82% vax & 62% boost rate Inclusive of their kids We can't separate societa vax compliance / efforts to control virus from broader policy
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William Ruger
@Wil Ruger

Replying to @JesseKellyDC

HR McMaster.

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DEI initiatives undermine the liberal spirit of higher education.

FIRE @TheFIREorg · Aug 12

DEI initiatives are trending in higher ed as universities debate how to best serve their students. But what if faculty were told there's a certain way they must talk about, teach, and promote DEI or else? It's happening now @uoregon. 🧵 /1

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Bud Holladay @BudHolladay1 · 4h

Replying to @WillRUger

I only recently realized that the term "higher education" refers to cost and not grade level

Chris Surprenant @CWSurprenant · 1h

Replying to @WillRUger

Why? Affirmative action admissions policies were a DEI initiative and they seemed to have done a lot of good, including increasing viewpoint diversity on college campuses

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@kat.adoyl on withdrawal from Afghanistan washex.am/3pmJW F

· House remains confident that the public holds no
to a protracted conflict. Some outside observers ag

ɔ groundswell of public opinion in favor of going ba
:uger, president of the American Institute for Econc
ɜnd Trump nominee to be ambassador to Afghanis
ıe constituency for the forever wars, especially if you
, say, Russia as being a dangerous threat or China?"

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William Ruger
@Wil Ruger

@mattyglesias is right:

"I think it is under discussed the extent to which we seem to be living through a pretty broad rise in aggressive and anti-social behavior."

> **Matthew Yglesias** @mattyglesias · 2h
> The Great Derangement is very real
>
> slowboring.com/p/a kinds-of ..

11 37 AM Aug 18, 2022 · Tw tter for Phone

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SamuelGoldman @SWGo dman 1h
Rep ying to @W IRuger and @mattyg esias
Checks out



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Nicholas Calderwood @n cho a calder 59m
Rep ying to @W IRuger and @mattyg esias
Economic depression be ike that

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William Ruger
@Wil Ruger

They ought to balk! So tired of the free riding.

> **Emma Ashford** @EmmaMAshford 3h
> I imagine this will also be a major question when the next Ukraine aid bill comes up in congress. I think some might balk at a new aid package when Europe isn't even trying to pull its weight — particularly if it comes up prior to the Nov election. politico.eu/article/data s
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CJ Ciaramella @cjciaramella · 4h
The latest Reason cover design s… reason.com/…/the-october…



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William Ruger 🇺🇸
@WilliamRuger

Replying to @cjciaramella and @reason

Looking forward to reading this. And good cover design (though would be better if it also had the name of the author of the cover story on it).

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William Ruger @W lRuger 44m
Actua ly, t s even more complicated than this (with Kristo 's being the most s mp ist c rooted in his typica Manichean/friend-enemy approach) l beral currents running through both parties right now Co lectivism has run strong on left for a century but coexisted .. 1/

> **Casey Mattox** @CaseyMattox_ 1h
> I am far more open to the argument that we have 2 parties that are fundamenta ly illibera and seeking to destroy our inst tutions than I am to this silly argument.
>
> Come on tw tter.com/Bi Kristol/st..
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William Ruger @W lRuger 44m
2/ w th some l nger ng iberalism too (see the old ACLU on free speech for examp e). Now we do see greater variance with n conservatism on va Le of free markets But freedom st l a core va ue w/ majority on right, and use of state power not always inconsistent with that.

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William Ruger @W lRuger 44m
3/ For examp e, f pub c schools are go ng to exist, someone s go ng to have to decide what s taught in them It isn't nconsistent with freedom for conservatives to work through elected and appointed bodies to guide curricular decisions

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William Ruger @W lRuger 44m
3a/ Indeed, n cases where school boards and other politica actors make dec s ons that are too conservative for progressives, progs shou d be happy that conservatives are largely champ oning vouchers and scho arships they can use to freely exit public schools!

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William Ruger @W lRuger 44m
4/ Another example f state is going to fund the arts or construct pub c bu d ngs what types of art are supported or the sty e of arch tecture are certa n y with n the bounds for administrat on, and no reason for conservatives to cede field, esp to "experts" who are on left

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William Ruger
@Wil Ruger

5/ Still, we can be worried some actors on right want activist state to use tax dollars to subsidize manufacturing jobs, artificially increase prices so that we consume less (Lighthizer), or prevent adults from right to contract w/ others to purchase non-abortive birth control.

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Arden D @AEnge berth 40m
Rep ying to @W lRuger
It is why the push for a third, fourth, etc party system must win out.

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William Ruger @W lRuger 32m
I favor class cal berals (Amer can conservatives) working w thin the current party system rather than wag ng an expensive aga nst the odds fight against Duverger's Law

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24 hours plus early on a writing deadline. Do I get a medal?

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John D. Payne @jdp_writes · 2h
Replying to @WilRuger
Pics or it didn't happen
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Max Gulker @maxg_econ · 2h
Replying to @WilRuger
You deserve a treat. If you're in Great Barrington you might be able to dig out some AMER-branded maple syrup. (It's kind of a long story but you can ask @PhilWMagness.)
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John Byrnes @JohnByrnes13 · 1h
Replying to @WilRuger
Maybe a ribbon!
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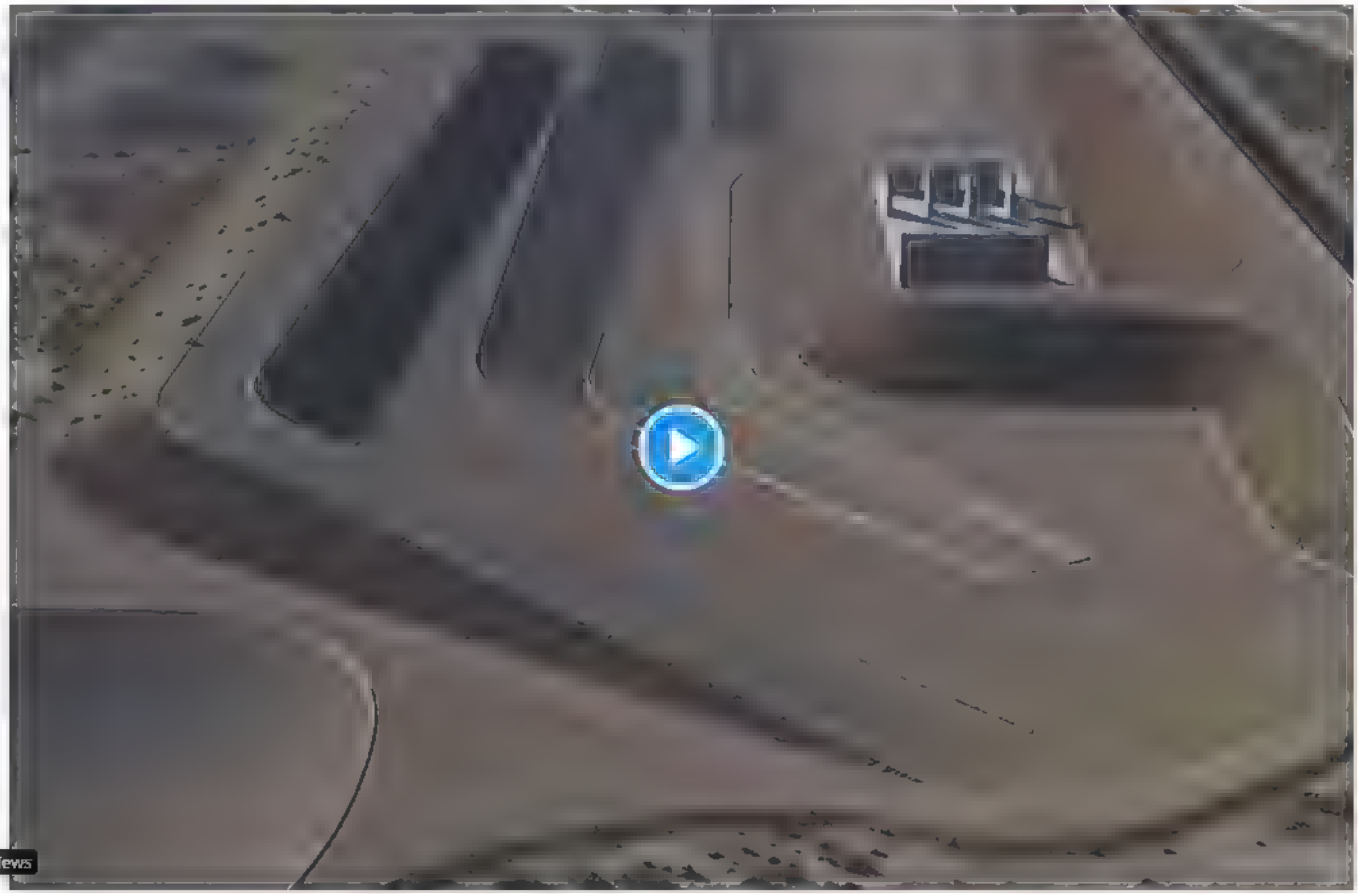
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$40 million for this. Hope no tax money used for it.....

> **The New York Times** @nytimes · Aug 19
> Ha f a century in the making, the art st Michael He zer's aston sh ng megasculpture in a remote Nevada val ey is fina ly opening to visitors. "I am not here to tel. people what it all means You can figure it out for yourse f," he said nyti ms/3AwB0sC



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William Ruger
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From Slate: A "national emergency" is defined as any national emergency declared by the president.

Me: Not a sound approach to governance in a liberal democracy.

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William Ruger
@Wil Ruger

This is among the nuttier policy ideas out there. So much for the idea of private property.

> **CNN** @CNN · Aug 24
> Los Angeles voters will decide on a proposal in 2024 on whether hotels will have to offer vacant rooms to homeless people



3:24 PM · Aug 26, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

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Eric Crampton @EricCrampton · 1h
Replying to @W Ruger
Solve for equilibrium where homeless people in a hotel deter paying customers

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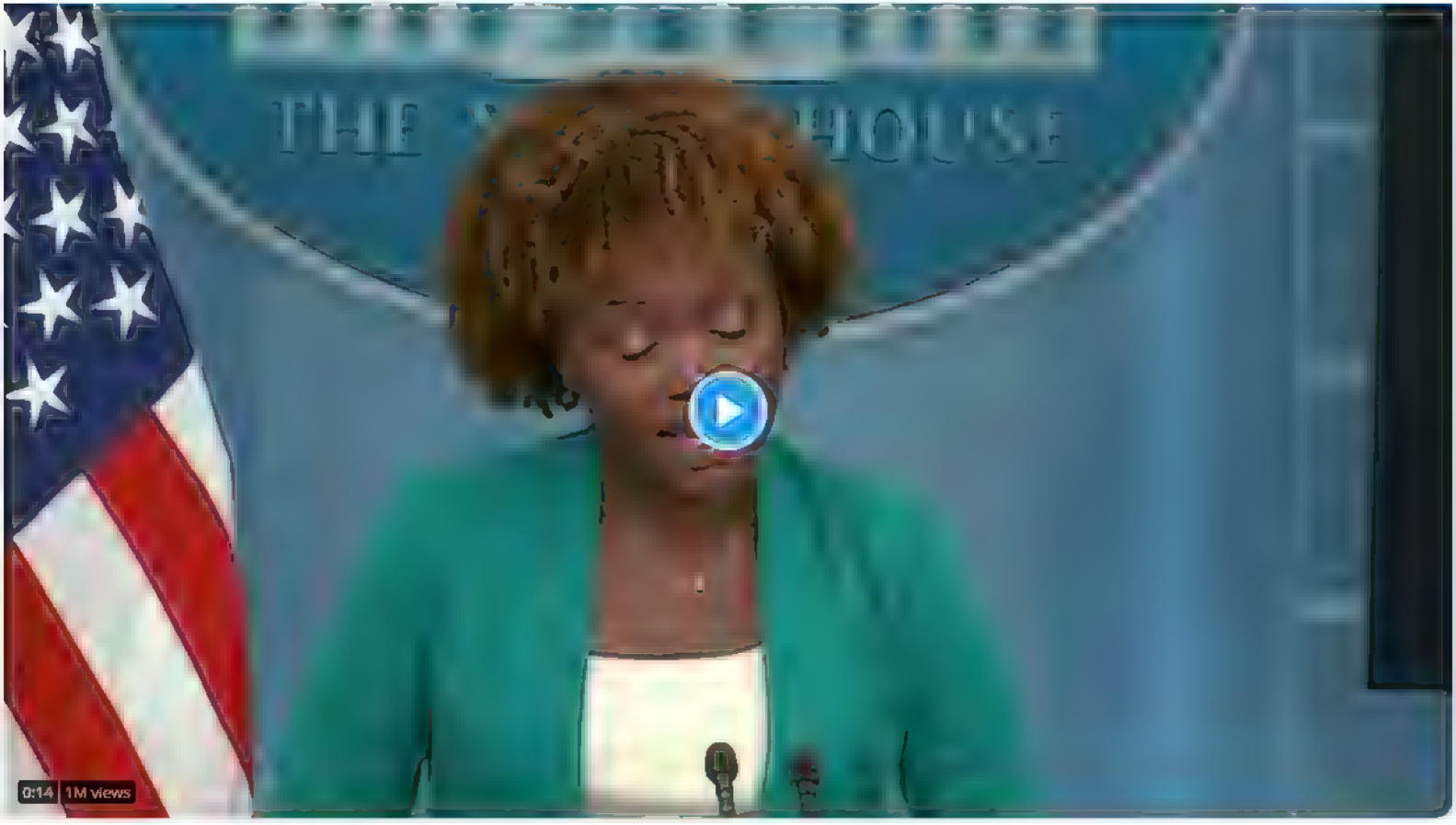
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Rousseau? See where that got us....

Disclose.tv @disclosetv 4h

NOW White House "When you are not w th what ma,or ty of Americans are, then you know, that s extreme That s an extreme way of thinking."

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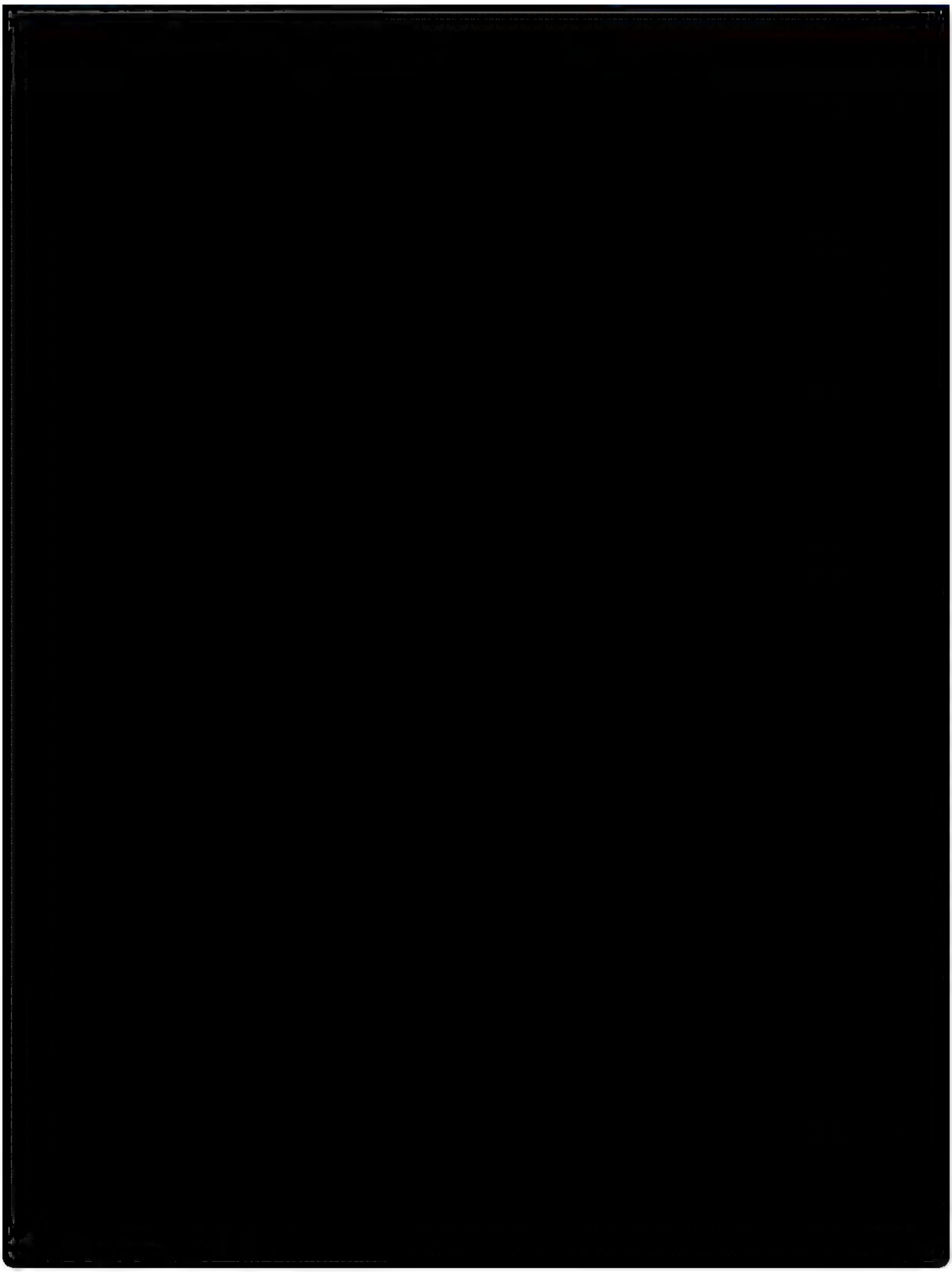
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Love the scare quotes around “realists.”

Dr S Maitra @MrMaitra 9h

Bob Kagan sort of unwittingly proves my point.

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Dr S Maitra @MrMaitra 9h

Replying to @WilliRuger

I am tormented by the lack of an oxford comma there

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William Ruger
@WilRuger

Replying to @asymmetric_info

You know you'd tune into a Zoom debate between MM and @SWGoldman on this topic. @JacobHeilbrunn could moderate, though that could make it like the time @rajan_menon and I had to debate the other side and the moderator too.

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Samuel Gregg @DrSamuelGregg · Jun 27

Replying to @WilRuger @asymmetric_info and 3 others

I'm with @SWGoldman on this. Down with the Cult of Informality!

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David Polansky @polanskydj · Jun 27

Replying to @WilRuger @asymmetric_info and 3 others

Goldman holds a lot of questionable opinions, but the necktie is an easy call, one of the great gifts to masculine couture, without which most men just look vaguely confused and underdressed, as that unfortunate picture demonstrates

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Best chance of avoiding Putin using tactical nuke & then having to deal w/ a lot of very bad choices is to make sure Ukrainians aren't in position to push into bad corner with no escape. Too risky to not stop that situation. This is how sober adults think about world as it is.

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · Oct 3
Replying to @WilliamRuger
And I'm no nervous Nellie, but sure hope that @POTUS, Jake, and others in WH appreciate the dangerous situation we are facing (even though Putin has agency around nuke use, we can also make it easier for him to step back from brink)

249 17 93

Russell Laird @RusselLaird11 · Oct 3
Replying to @WilliamRuger
What type of action would constitute putting or allowing Ukraine to be "in position to push the khuios into bad corner with no escape?" What has Ukraine done to give any indication that such a concern should be top of mind?

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William Ruger @WilliamRuger · Oct 3
Replying to @RussellLaird11
Crimea ..

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Matt Robare @MattRobare · Oct 3
Replying to @WilliamRuger
How, exactly, is Ukraine pushing Russia into a bad corner? They have a simple escape: stop invading Ukraine

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Smokey (music pinned to profile!) @955smokey · Oct 3
Replying to @MattRobare and @WilliamRuger
It's more so NATO pushing Russia into a corner than Ukraine doing so really

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Riff Schott-Skjerven @RiffSkjerven · Oct 3
Replying to @WilliamRuger



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Shadowy Cabal Enthusiast @TheChandlerDude · Oct 3
Replying to @RiffSkjerven and @WilliamRuger
Bingo

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The Inedible Credible Egg @epcyrus · Oct 3
Replying to @WilliamRuger
Oh my stars, I sure hope mr. ruger doesn't think I ain't sober gosh

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Hoopaloupe @hoopaloupe · Oct 3
Replying to @WilliamRuger
When did Republicans become such cowards?

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JL @JEsq · Oct 3
Replying to @hoopaloupe and @WilliamRuger
They've always been cowards, but only since the orange carnival barker have they been tankies and/or peaceniks

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Still pleased to have organized this letter against a No- Fly Zone in Ukraine with @stephenwertheim. The logic holds. I'm thankful for the partnership of the signers during a challenging moment in USFP.

politico.com/f/?id=0000017f...

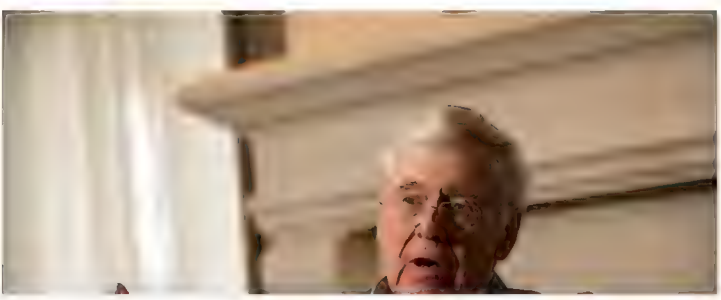
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Mariska Den Eelden @EedenDen · Nov 23
Replying to @WilliRuger and @stephenwertheim
Not surprised that you're "pleased". Building refineries for Stalin and Hitler started the Koch family fortune. You represent the banality of evil

Koch Industries continues doing business in Russia

Judd Legum Draft



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Dr. Vasilina Orlova (Василина Орлова) @vasilina_orlova · Nov 23
Replying to @WilliRuger and @stephenwertheim
You should be held accountable for the deaths of hundreds of thousands civilians and ruined Mariupol, Volnovakha, Lysychansk, Severodonetsk, Bakhmut that your erroneous letter okayed. You must lose your career

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William Ruger @WilliRuger · Nov 23
Replying to @vasilina_orlova and @stephenwertheim
Sorry, we believe a NFZ courted a catastrophe for the U.S. and others. But thanks for wanting to cancel us for expressing a mainstream view and the current policy of the U.S. government. @stephenwertheim

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Oleksandra Povoroznyk @rynkrynk · Nov 23
Replying to @WilliRuger and @stephenwertheim
So you really think that a smug and self congratulatory tweet like this is appropriate on a day when a two year old child died after Russia hit a maternity hospital, and dozens of civilians died after Russia fired several dozen missiles at our largest cities? Just curious

3 4 161

Tucker, the Bailiff @Droz_kd1 · Nov 23
Replying to @rynkrynk @WilliRuger and @stephenwertheim
One of the premises/assumptions of Will's "logic" holding is that he must not see or speak to any Ukrainians. I would be utterly shocked if he even acknowledged you here

1 49

Hilary Barth @Hilary_Barth · Nov 23
Replying to @WilliRuger and @stephenwertheim
Whether or not you still think it was a good idea, why express pleasure about it now? In the wake of tens of thousands of civilians killed, ongoing catastrophic strikes on critical civilian infrastructure. We can't know what would have happened, but "pleased" sounds callous

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Hilary Barth @Hilary_Barth · Nov 23
Replying to @Hilary_Barth @WilliRuger and @stephenwertheim
And if your retweets signal approval and to be fair perhaps they don't that you retweeted this undermines any credibility on Ukraine, in my mind

Dan Caldwell 🇺🇸
@dandcaldwell

25 NatSec "experts" funded in part by Eastern European oligarchs, defense contractors, and Burisma want the U.S. to continue an unconditional flow of $$$ to Ukraine without substantial congressional debate or oversight.

In other news, it's Tuesday.

> **Eurasia Center** @ACEurasia · Nov 22
> ⚡ 25 national security experts argue for greater US support to Ukraine: "The smart and economical way to protect our interests is to ensure that Putin fails in Ukraine. That justifies major assistance to Kyiv."
>
> Read the joint statement in @thehill thehill.com/opinion/nation...

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Margo @MargoOnFire · Nov 23
Replying to @WilliRuger and @stephenwertheim
you're complicit in the genocide of Ukrainians

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Gonza @Gonzalillo · Nov 23
Replying to @WilliRuger and @stephenwertheim
You are aiding and abetting the killing of innocent civilians. Congratulations?

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Alexk @Th13rteenth · Nov 23
Replying to @WilliRuger and @stephenwertheim
You're pleased by a 2 day old kid getting slaughtered at a maternity ward this night?
You're pleased 10s of millions will stay with no water or power tomorrow at -temps? You maybe been pleased by Chakatlio, I feel

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RT @davidrieff: Ronald Steel, Critic of American Cold War Policies, Dies at 92 - The New York Times



davidrieff
@davidrieff

Ronald Steel, Critic of American Cold War Policies, Dies at 92 The New York Times https://t.co/kOh4ItLZoY

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

If you aren't listening to @DominicJPino's podcast Econception, you are missing out! Links for your service here:



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File this under "Simple political explanations of Supreme Court behavior are overly simple."

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

Conservatives who worry about woke military and an unconstrained foreign policy should not be trumpeting conscription. ?

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

I don't hate that @oren cass calls us American conservatives and classical liberals "Old Right" because it conjures up images of those great Americans who opposed FDR, understood the dangers of the New Deal, and pushed back against entangling alliances and saw war as the health

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @bradleydevlin: Cathy, the problems you point out with the Ukraine enemies list is that it's "creepy," not "a good look," & poor tactics...



Bradley Devlin
@bradleydevlin

Cathy, the problems you point out with the Ukraine enemies list is that it's "creepy," not "a good look," & poor tactics (an "own goal"). Arguing Ukr should be better or more discrete about targeting US 'enemies' is not a condemnation on principle.

No American should support it. https://t.co/KzDSeKmMdp

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@JohnAllenGay Bingo.



John Allen Gay
@JohnAllenGay

This matters in #natsec world. Our grand strategy sometimes assumes supplies of critical minerals or products are supply inelastic and that we hence must guard existing sources of supply. https://t.co/2n8lveocwr

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

@BasedMikeLee @chiproytx Let's not draft anyone! #AVF



Mike Lee
@BasedMikeLee

We

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I'm with @ChipRoyTX—this will happen over my dead body.
https://t.co/iLRhkqwFiL

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @bresreports: 2/ CBO says Biden college loan forgiveness program; Ukraine-Israel-Indo-Pacific aid; bank failures; and soaring Medicare c...



John Bresnahan
@bresreports

2/ CBO says Biden college loan forgiveness program; Ukraine-Israel-Indo-Pacific aid; bank failures; and soaring Medicare costs why deficit is much higher than previous estimate

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Biggest problem with this analysis, which is admittedly interesting, is that China is hardly like the United States was in the 1980s. Xi is no Reagan. And China has a lot of problems today that will keep it from being as much of a challenge to us as we were to the Soviets.



Niall Ferguson
@nfergus

I first pointed out that we're in Cold War II back in 2018. But it only recently struck me that in this new Cold War, we—and not the Chinese—might be the Soviets. 1/13
https://t.co/Zwxj3ChLLb

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Interesting

> **Elizabeth Nolan Brown**
> @ENBrown
>
> I'm a pro-natalist now
>
> I'm only sort of joking... https://t.co/5ytER8EWvU
>
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @GregoryDaddis: It's past time we stop listening to David Petraeus. Some thoughts below in @RStatecraft.



Gregory A. Daddis
@GregoryDaddis

It's past time we stop listening to David Petraeus. Some thoughts below in @RStatecraft.
https://t.co/BACVa7wOHM

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

Future history dissertation: "What happened to the 'forever wars' progressive restrainers?"

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @BH Friedman: If you step back for perspective, it's wild how so many people so deeply believe that more Ukrainians dying for land they...

> Ben Friedman **Ben Friedman**
> @BH Friedman
>
> If you step back for perspective, it's wild how so many people so deeply believe that more Ukrainians dying for land they can't take back is vital to US security that any public dissent produces an instant chorus of outraged sputtering about surrender to Hitler and whatnot.

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William Ruger ??
@WilRuger

Military Keynesianism is a pretty lousy economic idea.

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

Chevron overruled! So much winning...but not tired of winning yet.

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

Let's face it, the bureaucracy in America has been running wild and now the backlash has come. It won't end here with Chevron. Expect major push against bureaucratic power in a Trump 2 administration. They've collectively overplayed their hand.

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@DamonLinker It is good policy no matter who is president. Congress needs to step up within its enumerated powers - and government needs to step back where it does not have such powers.



Damon Linker
@DamonLinker

A friend asks: With the possibility of a second Trump admin looming, and Trump looking to fire tens of thousands of career civil servants and replace them with lackeys, is it good that SCOTUS has weakened the power and independence of administrative agencies vis-a-vis Congress?

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Politico reports on a letter signed by over 60 foreign policy experts. It argues that "At NATO's summit, the alliance should not move Ukraine toward membership."

I am a proud to be among this august group of signers.

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Strong Politico story by @mattberg33 on Ukraine NATO fight that discusses intense policy competition on the issue.

Ukraine 'bridge' to NATO could be dangerous, experts warn via @politico

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

@melindaharing So military service, congressional staff service, or even being a Senator and Secretary of the Navy, etc. don't count?

And some were even your former colleagues my friend!

> **Melinda Haring**
> @melindaharing
>
> Too bad none of these "foreign policy experts" apart from George Beebe have any government experience. How many of them are funded by the Koch brothers with Trojan-horse like programs like yours in legit institutions and universities? Nice try. https://t.co/Sbblpni2F7
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

@melindaharing @stephenwertheim You know I'm always game for learning and civil engagement. And would gladly go back to Ukraine.



Melinda Haring
@melindaharing

@WillRuger No dice. Plus why bother? You're playing parlor games again, Will. You can do better. The issue isn't even on the table in July. You should come to Ukraine with @stephenwertheim. I will show you around and we can have some real conversations with the best thinkers here.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @WillRuger: @mwgbanks1 I hope you are right. But I've been around long enough not to trust elite pronouncements not to worry - especiall...



William Ruger
@WillRuger

@mwgbanks1 I hope you are right. But I've been around long enough not to trust elite pronouncements not to worry - especially when they or other elites are also saying things that specifically contradict those pronouncements. And I don't want to be the sucker told after the thing that...

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @garyleff: @WillRuger Great question since takeoff and landing is the riskiest part of flight and you're doubling those here, while fati...



gary leff
@garyleff

@WillRuger Great question since takeoff and landing is the riskiest part of flight and you're doubling those here, while fatigue is a major contributor to pilot error (especially in crucial phases of flight).

These decisions are often made by rule, when relative risk probably depends on...

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

JD Vance channeling Mill on free speech and debate is smart politics and (attempt at) unifying for the party.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @FischerKing64: With respect to the Vance pick I've read and heard he's become MAGA out of class resentment. He went to Yale but as a wo...



FischerKing
@FischerKing64

With respect to the Vance pick I've read and heard he's become MAGA out of class resentment. He went to Yale but as a working class kid he was never accepted.

This is a story the 'elite' likes to tell itself, but it's off. It's more that when you come from nowhere and you see...

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

@elonmusk .@DouthatNYT



Elon Musk
@elonmusk

White House aides learned Biden was dropping out by reading https://t.co/9SpfbwcN65

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

Our infrastructure and transportation (looking at you Amtrak) are a mess, but sure, billions more for Ukraine and other tertiary endeavors. Time to focus on the basics. Public safety, infrastructure, etc.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Wild theories out there about Biden including some Grover Cleveland type stuff about hidden medical attention.

But does give me a chance to talk about one of the best presidents, Grover Cleveland.

How many people know that Cleveland had secret jaw-mouth surgery at sea during...

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Hmmm, where else are we seeing the building of a sense of inevitability someday.....



Stephen Wertheim
@stephenwertheim

@CarnegieEndow @CEIPStatecraft By contrast, the Clinton administration formulated a clever plan to enlarge NATO after the Cold War. Proponents of enlargement bypassed a skeptical Pentagon, getting President Clinton to sign on and then creating a sense of inevitability that the alliance would expand.

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

"On net" arguments we often get in immigration debates aren't as compelling as they sound since they sidestep the issue of the relative distribution of costs and benefits.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

A Mysterious Plot Prompts a Rare Call From Russia to the Pentagon

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

RT @russvought: This is honestly embarrassing. Ukraine joins NATO and the fighting stops? You forgot the peace and buried the endless war.



Russ Vought
@russvought

This is honestly embarrassing. Ukraine joins NATO and the fighting stops? You forgot the peace and buried the endless war. https://t.co/PSsido4YfL

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Never realized that the BBC uses the whole "Great Britain and Northern Ireland" name during broadcasts (and note that they don't use that on their uniforms).

Can't imagine the NCAA basketball tournament broadcasters saying "Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" before 2020...

Maxime_Novi

Maxime_Novi
@MaximeNovi

"Surely the United States are too far ahead"

"Femke Bol, we love you"

#femkebol https://t.co/xDiXbI6S4p

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Walz opposed the VA Mission Act which improved health care delivery/access for veterans.

> **VoteVets**
> @votevets
>
> CONGRATULATIONS, Veteran @Tim Walz for being selected as @KamalaHarris' running mate!!
>
> Statement of VoteVets Chairman and Iraq War Veteran Jon Soltz on Tim Walz being selected as Vice President Harris's Running Mate
>
> https://t.co/UjhE3SSIjY https://t.co/4meLRvdLer
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @kiteandkeymedia: These days, politicians from both parties are vowing that they won't touch Social Security. Just one problem: Not touc...



Kite & Key Media
@kiteandkeymedia

These days, politicians from both parties are vowing that they won't touch Social Security. Just one problem: Not touching Social Security means benefit cuts for *everyone* just a few years from now.

Our new video explores whether the program can still be saved. https://t.co/UEtOAYY2Jr

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@cdrsalamander No! More subsurface combined with grand strategy shift.



cdrsalamander
@cdrsalamander

Think 15 CVN are too few?

You have good company.

Admiral Harvey did the heavy lifting years ago. The number is 16 CVN, 12 CVW. Details in his comments on today's CDR Salamander Substack. https://t.co/f6qeEWYVkd

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@Chafuen Yup. And also those who followed the religious authority of Istanbul if I recall. But his case for toleration is still outstanding.



Alejandro Chafuen
@Chafuen

You know that our esteemed Locke promoted intolerance to Catholics and Atheists! I used to belong to the Randian sect, now a Catholic. Both suspect to Locke. Agree that these are sad days for the Anglo narrative. So much donor propaganda these days. https://t.co/rQuurUVxeo

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Yes. Our principle interest in Ukraine conflict is to avoid being draw further into it or an escalatory spiral that threatens nuclear exchanges.



Ian Wilkie
@Wilkmaster

@WillRuger They are a wounded animal in pain however and these sorts of beings act roughly and irrationally. Since they are also in possession of thousands of warheads, kid glove treatment is better than rough prodding and condescending mocking.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @steve_hanke: Pres. Biden's $585M subsidy to Stellantis for the production of EVs = a textbook example of industrial policy GONE WRONG:...



Steve Hanke
@steve_hanke

Pres. Biden's $585M subsidy to Stellantis for the production of EVs = a textbook example of industrial policy GONE WRONG:

Since the subsidy, Stellantis has realized a 45% drop in net income, leading to massive job cuts.

INDUSTRIAL POLICY & SUBSIDIES = A RACE TO THE BOTTOM.

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@vpostrel @ProfDBernstein @jonathanchait I can't speak for Koch on the relative pushback received across its portfolios. But you'd be surprised at how often its support was met positively by university stakeholders, including at top places (which isn't to say that there aren't deadwood associate-types and ideologues out



William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@vpostrel @ProfDBernstein @jonathanchait Let me speak to one area that I worked on intensely when at Koch. Here are the universities in that portfolio which received significant support: Harvard HKS/MIT dual program, Notre Dame, Texas A&M, UC-San Diego, Tufts, and Catholic University. All of these were very publicly

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @HannahDCox: The inflation rate is going down, which means the speed in which prices are increasing around you in slowing.

It doesn't m...



Hannah Cox
@HannahDCox

The inflation rate is going down, which means the speed in which prices are increasing around you in slowing.

It doesn't mean they aren't still going up, and it certainly doesn't mean they're coming back down.

This is how politicians and the media manipulate you.
https://t.co/06GR3xALTb

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

From one of my favorite scholars @CatoInstitute, @emilyekins:

Poll: 63% of Americans Want to Increase Trade with Other Nations, 75% Worry Tariffs Are Raising Consumer Prices via @CatoInstitute

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @ATabarrok: A good day to remember Nixon's price controls (put in place 53 years ago yesterday!).

Let's not do this again!

Read Modern...



Alex Tabarrok
@ATabarrok

A good day to remember Nixon's price controls (put in place 53 years ago yesterday!).

Let's not do this again!

Read Modern Principles for more.

https://t.co/CPySvvmDYT

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

@EmmaMAshford Because so unrealistic: "we recommend you adopt Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's formula, which defines victory in part as the return of all Ukrainian land, including Crimea"

> **Emma Ashford (@emmamashford.bsky.social)**
> @EmmaMAshford
>
> When does an open letter become just an oped? This one has only 6 signatories...
>
> https://t.co/cNunYIOnou
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @troy_senik: Very nice write-up on Grover Cleveland (and A Man of Iron) from @WillRuger. We don't agree on everything — I think Clevelan...

> Troy Senik **Troy Senik**
> @troy_senik
>
> Very nice write-up on Grover Cleveland (and A Man of Iron) from @WillRuger. We don't agree on everything — I think Cleveland's foreign policy was too moralistic to support a "realist" label — but this an extremely thoughtful and fair analysis. https://t.co/bj4uIddfdO
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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

RT @HBO: The man behind the cultural phenomenon.

In Wise Guy David Chase and The Sopranos, a new 2 part HBO Original Documentary, #TheSopr…

HBO
@HBO

The man behind the cultural phenomenon.

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

Michele Obama seems to forget that generational wealth, when justly gained, is justly transferred and justly held.* There is no government coercion and no unjust harm to anyone else. The grant to the next generation is an exercise of one's property rights, often earned through…

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

Waltz > Walt*> Walz

* Sorry Steve, his connection to Brandeis tipped the scale in Ken's favor!

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@MaxAbrahms This is actually a bad sign Max.



Max Abrahms
@MaxAbrahms

In between Tweets, I apparently got a 5.0/5.0 on my student evals for my summer course on terrorism. This is the third straight course no student in the class rated it other than 5.0/5.0. Now if only I had this sort of luck on Twitter.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @GeneHealy: Libertarians for Kamala?! At the @CatoInstitute blog, I complain that the recent mania for Blue Team "allyship" threatens to...



Gene Healy
@GeneHealy

Libertarians for Kamala?! At the @CatoInstitute blog, I complain that the recent mania for Blue Team "allyship" threatens to reduce libertarianism to a bunch of "In This House" yard sign platitudes. To which I can only say: "get off my lawn!"

https://t.co/YeSeowJG6P

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

You spelled John Locke wrong somewhere ;-)

> **Samuel Gregg**
> @DrSamuelGregg
>
> 1. The Scottish Enlightenment
> 2. Magna Carta
> 3. Refusing to do a deal with Hitler in 1940
> 4. Shakespeare
> 5. Royal Navy ending the Slave Trade
> 6. Isaac Newton
> 7. Thomas More
> 8. Parliamentarianism
> 9. Edmund Burke
> 10. Single Malt Whisky
>
> (In no order) https://t.co/yF4q5esBPU
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

LOL. Some parts of the GOP have merely tried to move beyond neoconservatism, so naturally this guy and his friends get hysterical. And he ignores the set of Dems who reject liberal interventionism, but don't push him away from Harris.



Tom Nichols
@RadioFreeTom

And in joining a coalition, many of us have also found new common ground with Democrats. (Example: The GOP has horrifically abandoned American national security. The Dems have not. If that's "fluffing" for Harris or the Dems, fine, but it's true.) We can be happy about that. /3

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @aier: "Voters need to understand that by not pressuring politicians to deal with entitlements now, we might end up with a substantial a...

> AIER **American Institute for Economic Research**
> @aier
>
> "Voters need to understand that by not pressuring politicians to deal with entitlements now, we might end up with a substantial amount of the means of American production being owned by the government."
> --@DCRose1776
>
> Read here: https://t.co/qX04YayHgd. #Medicare #SocialSecurity
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

I dislike the loss of regional colloquialisms and try to maintain ones that were common in my neck of the woods. But it is hard to get a "tonic" now when you want one rather than a "tonic water."

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

These guys have learned nothing from last 25 years.



Mark Dubowitz
@mdubowitz

Please send me your actionable ideas on how to topple the regime in Iran. This is a major priority for me and @FDD. I promise that as many of the good ones as possible will be put into action.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @Culture_Crit: This 600-year-old painting is one of the most mysterious in history.

That mirror at the back is just 3 inches wide — yet...

> **Culture Critic**
> @Culture_Crit
>
> This 600-year-old painting is one of the most mysterious in history.
>
> That mirror at the back is just 3 inches wide — yet it reflects the entire room in immense detail.
>
> Look closer at it and you'll realize nothing is as it seems... (thread) https://t.co/ybimP0O3pi
>
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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

RT @TrackGazette: Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone ?? has been announced for the Diamond League final in Brussels!?

She will attempt a unique dou?

> **Track & Field Gazette**
> @TrackGazette
>
> Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone ?? has been announced for the Diamond League final in Brussels!?
>
> She will attempt a unique double - the 200/400m at the two-day meet from September 13 14 https://t.co/M505vin14B
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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

RT @BH_Friedman: The failure of US foreign policy to live up to US rhetoric is indeed a problem, especially for Ukraine. But the solution i

Ben Friedman **Ben Friedman**
@BH_Friedman

The failure of US foreign policy to live up to US rhetoric is indeed a problem, especially for Ukraine. But the solution is to tame the rhetoric—stop pretending our interests are the same, and that US security turns on Ukraine.
https://t.co/bkhih9HqKE https://t.co/yVcBtSxX3y

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

This doesn't come anywhere close to depicting reality, where Democrats have moved further left (especially on social issues) and some Republicans have moved left on some economic issues and even on some social issues.



Joshua Reed Eakle
@JoshEakle

I didn't leave the Republican Party.

The Republican Party left me. https://t.co/nXlpgZVZup

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

Could the moderators ask some policy questions please?

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@cdrsalamander is furiously fact checking the Eastern flank point: ?It?s a front not a flank!?

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @sfmcguire79: BREAKING: The University of Pennsylvania has announced it will stop issuing official statements on social and political ev...

> **Steve McGuire**
> @sfmcguire79
>
> BREAKING: The University of Pennsylvania has announced it will stop issuing official statements on social and political events.
>
> "It is not the role of the institution to render opinions—doing so risks suppressing the creativity and academic freedom of our faculty and students.... https://t.co/9ck8gwZQz6
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @WSJ: Breaking: Inflation cooled to 2.5% last month. It marks a new three-year low and tees up the Fed to begin gradually reducing rates...

> **The Wall Street Journal**
> @WSJ
>
> Breaking: Inflation cooled to 2.5% last month. It marks a new three-year low and tees up the Fed to begin gradually reducing rates next week. https://t.co/ZLD8MHIAvT
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Haven't had a chance to watch/listen to it yet, but looking forward to hearing what my friend @JamesWebb_16 has to say about Ukraine. Sure to be interesting!

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

RT @mungowitz: New York could do this. But then all the rich people living in rent controlled housing would have to pay more.

Average ren?



??????? ?????? ??????
@mungowitz

New York could do this. But then all the rich people living in rent controlled housing would have to pay more.

Average rents down, but elite rents up.

Why would a system based on power protect the weak?

(Answer: it wouldn't. And THAT is why we have rent-controls!)
https://t.co/BEa3E6b9bU

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @aier: #AIERPapers | The Incoherence of ESG: Why We Should Disaggregate the Environmental, Social, and Governance Label https://t.co/lvz...

> AIER **American Institute for Economic Research**
> @aier
>
> #AIERPapers | The Incoherence of ESG: Why We Should Disaggregate the Environmental, Social, and Governance Label https://t.co/lvzdxAD7LW.
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> Dr. Paul Mueller: "The #ESG framework does not contribute anything substantive to running companies profitably. Nor does it provide an... https://t.co/4dqKQm1xuc
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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

RT @cafreiman: It is simply not true that social spending has been radically cut due to the influence of Milton Friedman and wealthy donors



Chris Freiman
@cafreiman

It is simply not true that social spending has been radically cut due to the influence of Milton Friedman and wealthy donors https://t.co/YC7UzmMOtn https://t.co/M9yM5jBtGc

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@kingsburywrites Now we know where you stand on the "irregardless" debate. You team Oxford comma?



Alex Kingsbury
@kingsburywrites

If you haven't read books cover to cover by age 18, that's on you as an adult. Irregardless of what you've been assigned in a school. https://t.co/42b70wl12M

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @AdamNoahWho: Now is the time for some in Washington to ask if keeping 2,500 U.S. troops in Iraq and 900 in Syria as sitting duck target...



Adam N Weinstein
@AdamNoahWho

Now is the time for some in Washington to ask if keeping 2,500 U.S. troops in Iraq and 900 in Syria as sitting duck targets for Middle East retaliation cycles is worth the cost.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

@JacobHeilbrunn Let's be honest, the most important issues for Americans are here at home.



Jacob Heilbrunn
@JacobHeilbrunn

@WillRuger Almost no foreign policy, period. Taiwan?

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Vote buying.

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>
> **Kyle Griffin**
> @kylegriffin1
>
> A federal judge will let expire the temporary restraining order against President Biden's sweeping new student loan forgiveness plan — a massive win for the administration.
>
> The ruling, from a Bush 43 appointee, means Biden may move forward with the plan just weeks before the...
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @CurtMills: Foundation for the Defense of Democracies floats strikes on Iran for the 10/7 anniversary on Monday here https://t.co/4TJO1v...



Curt Mills
@CurtMills

Foundation for the Defense of Democracies floats strikes on Iran for the 10/7 anniversary on Monday here https://t.co/4TJO1vq8W7

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @nickgillespie: Dick Cheney was such a patriot that he sent your kids to die overseas in misbegotten wars. When he was called up no fewe...

> **Nick Gillespie**
> @nickgillespie
>
> Dick Cheney was such a patriot that he sent your kids to die overseas in misbegotten wars. When he was called up no fewer than 5 times, he demurred, saying "I had other priorities in the 60's than military service." I would not trumpet his support.
> https://t.co/VmYlS7rhNH
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @FUSIONaier: Conservatives Should Revive Reagan's Fusionism: https://t.co/i91rABgrjl. Read the latest @FUSIONaier essay by @MatthewMalec...

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

President Obama is about due for some left and right revisionist history. Other than Kennedy, has any politician in recent memory been treated with such kid gloves?

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William Ruger
@WilRuger

I'm guessing the @washingtonpost can swing a dead cat in Washington and hit a primacist willing to sell an activist foreign policy or the latest misadventure. But it would be even more interesting if they added a Realist to the mix as a regular contributor to replace Kagan.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @ToryAnarchist: What's great is the neocons are going to do to Kamala's Democrats exactly what they did to Dubya's GOP—neoconservatism i...



Daniel McCarthy
@ToryAnarchist

What's great is the neocons are going to do to Kamala's Democrats exactly what they did to Dubya's GOP—neoconservatism is a euthanasia drug that kills whoever takes it. https://t.co/kljBZl7uQX

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @polanskydj: I am probably a broken record here, but an underrated element of Trump's success on the right is that the alternatives cont...



David Polansky
@polanskydj

I am probably a broken record here, but an underrated element of Trump's success on the right is that the alternatives continue to look like 2006-era neoconservatism. https://t.co/iRTtMzanRj

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

Great to see President Trump highlight these points about war and national security.



Elbridge Colby
@ElbridgeColby

.@realDonaldTrump:

- A very strong military that ideally we don?t have to use.

- ?I don?t start wars. I stop wars.?

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @SeanNobleAZDC: One of the untold stories from last night:

Ranked Choice/Jungle primaries went down in the following states:
AZ
CO (!)...



Sean Noble
@SeanNobleAZDC

One of the untold stories from last night:

Ranked Choice/Jungle primaries went down in the following states:
AZ
CO (!)
ID
MT
OR (!)
SD

Alaska *repealed* open primaries/ranked choice

DC was the only win for Ranked choice voting.

That movement is dead.

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

RT @WilliamJLuther: Fellow academics: This is nuts. Stop doing this. It makes you look like an out of-touch crazy person. It further erodes?



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@WilliamJLuther

Fellow academics: This is nuts. Stop doing this. It makes you look like an out of touch crazy person. It further erodes respect for higher ed and trust in academic research. And it's not good for your students. https://t.co/WdwYlx7tyY

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @asymmetricinfo: Kind of wonder if he ran this by a lawyer before announcing that his non-profit institution would henceforth be partisa...



Megan McArdle
@asymmetricinfo

Kind of wonder if he ran this by a lawyer before announcing that his non profit institution would henceforth be partisan. Doesn't that have implications for tax status?

https://t.co/G7j2xVzelF

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@JoshuaSteinman Securing robust civilian control of the military is critical. And need to frame as not only military but controlling Pentagon more broadly.



joshua steinman (??,??)
@JoshuaSteinman

https://t.co/GcGuiexuL2

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William Ruger
@WilRuger

New @aier paper by @AmityShlaes on the The Great Depression Reconsidered.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Congrats to @SenMarcoRubio! Wishing you well as our chief diplomat as you support President Trump and advance America's national interests.



Senator Marco Rubio
@SenMarcoRubio

My statement on being nominated for United States Secretary of State by President-elect Donald Trump: https://t.co/r6q3iaZF0G

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Congrats @kleavittnh. Great to see NH represented in Trump 47.



Corey R. Lewandowski
@CLewandowski

Great news! 603 is well represented. Congrats @kleavittnh
https://t.co/HK1l6ZEEzK

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @ElbridgeColby: Indeed:

Trump's Push for Ukraine Peace Finds Growing Acceptance in Europe

"Officials in many capitals recognize that a...



Elbridge Colby
@ElbridgeColby

Indeed:

Trump's Push for Ukraine Peace Finds Growing Acceptance in Europe

"Officials in many capitals recognize that an off-ramp to the conflict appears increasingly necessary. They note how Russia is gaining ground as Ukraine struggles."
https://t.co/s4BDw14NhG

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @BernieSanders: Tulsi Gabbard has put her life on the line to defend this country. People can disagree on issues, but it is outrageous f...

> **Bernie Sanders**
> @BernieSanders
>
> Tulsi Gabbard has put her life on the line to defend this country. People can disagree on issues, but it is outrageous for anyone to suggest that Tulsi is a foreign asset.
>
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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

RT @WillRuger: @BridgetPhetasy Ukraine flags on Twitter will come out next.

> **William Ruger ??**
> @WillRuger
>
> @BridgetPhetasy Ukraine flags on Twitter will come out next.
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William Ruger
@W Ruger

RT @SWGoldman: Read it all



SamuelGoldman
@SWGoldman

Read it all https://t.co/UrzYVzOUw0

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@MicahDerry @HannahDCox At Hannafords!

> Micah Derry ?? **Micah Derry ??**
> @MicahDerry
>
> @WillRuger @HannahDCox Did you shoot it yourself???
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @CiVLdotcom: Live from DC: Christopher J. Waller of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors delivers the Keynote Address at the @AIER Mon...

> **CiVL**
> @CiVLdotcom
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> Live from DC: Christopher J. Waller of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors delivers the Keynote Address at the @AIER Monetary Conference. The conference talks will be available on demand exclusively on CiVL apps within the week. https://t.co/afR0Qodk4E
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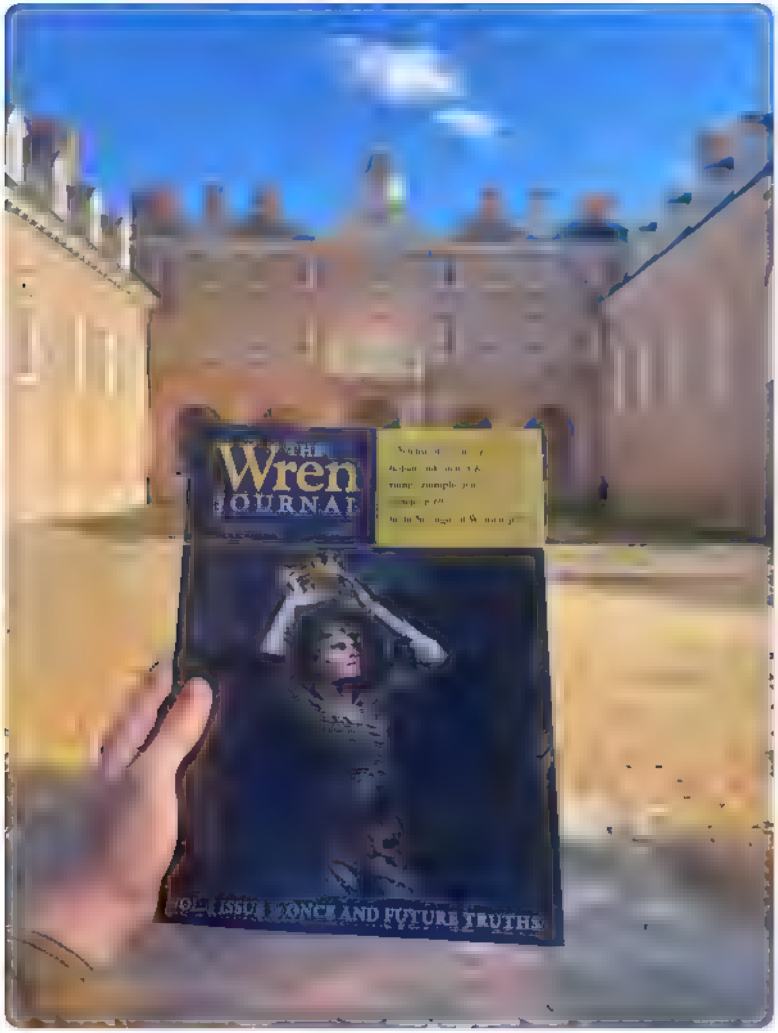
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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

RT @wrenjournalwm: Now in print!



The Wren Journal
@wrenjournalwm

Now in print! https://t.co/ZfeGeUaffO

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @aier: How stable are good policies without good institutions?

Senior Research Fellow @JasonSorens for @CityJournal: https://t.co/ZiBBw...



American Institute for Economic Research
@aier

How stable are good policies without good institutions?

Senior Research Fellow @JasonSorens for @CityJournal: https://t.co/ZiBBwdi37k

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Congratulations to this entire slate of nominees! @ElbridgeColby and Mike Duffey, in particular, are fantastic picks and should be great help for @PeteHegseth as SecDef.



Trump Posts on
@trump_repost

I am pleased to announced a slate of America First Patriots, who will work in conjunction with our GREAT Secretary of Defense Nominee, Pete Hegseth!

Stephen Feinberg will serve as Deputy Secretary of Defense, and help Make the Pentagon Great Again. An extremely successful...

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

It's an underrated good idea.

> **The American Conservative**
> @amconmag
>
> President-elect Trump calls for the purchase of Greenland:
>
> "For purposes of national security and freedom, the US feels that the ownership of Greenland is a necessity."
> https://t.co/KOHox5N0XT

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@ArtaMoeini It started earlier with Johnson. Great Society plus Vietnam and cultural revolution.



Arta Moeini
@ArtaMoeini

Never one to speak ill of the dead, but Jimmy Carter marks the beginning of American decline, the consolidation of what I call the shallow permanent state, and a disastrous, myopic foreign policy we haven't been able to shake for some 45 years.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

@ArtaMoeini The 80s were better than those who didn't live through it (esp after the 60/ and 70s) think. Doesn't mean it was perfect; it wasn't. And don't buy the neocon revisionism that Reagan was one of them. He wasn't.



Arta Moeini
@ArtaMoeini

@WillRuger Agree on corrosion with Johnson, but there was an effort to turn the ship with Nixon, and they got rid of him. Don't see the 80s with the rise of the neocons and neoliberal globalism as helpful.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

The Archivist and Deputy Archivist have put out a statement on the ERA issue:

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Old enough to remember when we were aghast at Clinton's pardons.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Pleased to see a lot of great names on this list of DoD appointees:

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @KellyAyotte: New Hampshire will not comply with burdensome regulations that harm our lobstermen.

We will protect this iconic and histo...

> **Governor Kelly Ayotte**
> @KellyAyotte
>
> New Hampshire will not comply with burdensome regulations that harm our lobstermen.
>
> We will protect this iconic and historic industry in our state.
>
> Read my letter here: https://t.co/wd2JCLWRpB
> https://t.co/T9Mxm7Bri9
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @ClaremontInst: Congratulations to Claremont Senior Fellow Michael Anton on being sworn in as the 33rd Director of Policy Planning at th...



Claremont Institute
@ClaremontInst

Congratulations to Claremont Senior Fellow Michael Anton on being sworn in as the 33rd Director of Policy Planning at the State Department.

A scholar and strategist, Anton has been instrumental in defining an America First foreign policy and now brings that proven expertise to... https://t.co/pOLNY4y2hl

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

New @aier Paper on Piketty by @mungowitz!

Understanding Thomas Piketty's Capital in the 21st Century | AIER

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William Ruger
@WilRuger

Interesting piece:

Nextdoor, doorbell cams, smartphones: Big Brother is all of us via @BostonGlobe

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@EzraACohen @johnkonrad A military friend thought the lanyard could be a uniform item, perhaps just all black. Thought it would send a good message. I'm not that hardcore, especially since command or service pride is positive. But I'm open to it.

> **William Ruger ??**
> @WillRuger
>
> @EzraACohen @johnkonrad Someone else asked me about this via text. Innocuous enough so not my beef. But I'd sacrifice even the quotidian to make sure we stick to "uniform" and the unity it signals. Namely, that the teams that matter are signified by the flag patch on the sleeve and the service patch"
>
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @JustinTLogan: @Jeff_Steele @clary_co I just think "here's how a foreign government can circumvent US policies" is a weird way for a sc...



Justin Logan
@JustinTLogan

@Jeff_Steele @clary_co I just think "here's how a foreign government can circumvent US policies" is a weird way for a scholar at a US think tank writing for a US publication to frame things.

"Here's how Iraqi insurgents can counter the US military" would be really weird.

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @SWGoldman: Should sports gambling be banned? Join @FUSIONaier and @JoinYoungVoices for our next debate on 2/6, featuring @juderusso94 @...



SamuelGoldman
@SWGoldman

Should sports gambling be banned? Join @FUSIONaier and @JoinYoungVoices for our next debate on 2/6, featuring @juderusso94 @amconmag and @gbentley1 @CatoInstitute. Who wants to bet on the outcome? https://t.co/yXlljmN2VS

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

Great to talk foreign policy and @realDonaldTrump's America First approach on @FoxBusiness this evening.



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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Worth a read from @jakemerci on @TulsiGabbard. Here's a nice closing paragraph:

> After three decades of endless war, trillions of dollars wasted, thousands of American lives lost, decades of government sanctioned spying on American citizens and the weaponization of every facet of the U.S. intelligence apparatus against free speech and expression, I'd say a skeptic of "the use of American power" sounds like a pretty good deal.

Jake Mercier

Jake Mercier
@jakemerci

New from me in @amconmag.

I worked for @TulsiGabbard. She is not only supremely qualified to serve as our nation's eighth Director of National Intelligence —she's the best possible choice for the job.

Here's why https://t.co/2XZ2l4WY4w https://t.co/KEqfMAIXXg

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @KingJosiah54: LeBron: "You gotta play defense now that you on the Lakers"

Luka:



Josiah Johnson
@KingJosiah54

LeBron: "You gotta play defense now that you on the Lakers"

Luka: https://t.co/LAbVFtxUdR

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

Great to see a patriot like @joekent16jan19 nominated for this important role. Congrats Joe!



Trump Posts on ?
@trump _repost

It is my pleasure to nominate Joe Kent as the Director of the National Counter Terrorism Center. As a Soldier, Green Beret, and CIA Officer, Joe has hunted down terrorists and criminals his entire adult life. Above all, Joe knows the terrible cost of terrorism, losing his?

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

@SarahTheHaider Indeed, the original meaning of toleration requires that you not accept or agree with the speech or action! So toleration can't equal acceptance.

> Sarah Haider **Sarah Haider**
> @SarahTheHaider
>
> Must I celebrate every choice made by any adult, so long as they consented to making it? Is this liberalism?
>
> Can you believe in free choice for others without believing you must stay silent about those choices? Does legal freedom require social affirmation?
>
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @aier: Inflation seems to be taking a time-out, but high prices are here to stay.

@peter_c_earle on how the Fed's inflation fumble has...

> **American Institute for Economic Research**
> @aier
>
> Inflation seems to be taking a time-out, but high prices are here to stay.
>
> @peter_c_earle on how the Fed's inflation fumble has spiked Super Bowl costs:
> https://t.co/0YWTW3NTdL
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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

@JohnHulsman1 Absolutely. It's great to see. Politics is never going to 100% map onto strategic theory, but the trend is definitely in the right direction.



John Hulsman
@JohnHulsman1

@WillRuger I'd absolutely agree that this revolution in realist thinking dominating American foreign policy thinking is just beginning. But, after living through a generation of the common, hapless Wilsonian/neocon establishment, to say this is more of the same is beyond missing the boat

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William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @BH_Friedman: Saying NATO defense minsters' job is to put Ukraine in the "best position to secure a lasting peace" sounds nice, but it's...

> Ben Friedman **Ben Friedman**
> @BH_Friedman
>
> Saying NATO defense minsters' job is to put Ukraine in the "best position to secure a lasting peace" sounds nice, but it's wrong; the job is to look out first for your country's national interests. Peace may require pressuring Ukraine, not just acting like you work for Zelensky. https://t.co/L4dLxQp6oY
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William Ruger
@WillRuger

Good to see there is a panel on DOGE at the #FreeCon conference next week. Here's the description: "Elon Musk's merry band of brilliant associates has brought incredible rigor and momentum to the cause of freer and more responsive government. How is the Department of Government Efficiency performing so far? What are Freedom Conservatives' best ideas for future DOGE activity?"

Freedom Conservatism **Freedom Conservatism**
@FreeConTalk

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William Ruger

William Ruger
@WillRuger

Unproductive and tone deaf. Conservatives should favor cutting bad programs, end stop.

> In his memo, Hegseth said the request for proposed cuts constitutes a "relook" at the Pentagon budget. The branches of service, he wrote, should fund what they need for a "wartime tempo" and offset that financially by cutting "low-impact items," such as diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs and climate change studies

Jonah Goldberg
@JonahDispatch

Yes cutting DEI programs and climate change studies will free up funds to buy all the subs and aircraft carriers we need. https://t.co/vQ2OmJfKDo

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William Ruger ??
@WillRuger

RT @Dave_Hebert: Come join @DrPaulMueller, @DrSamuelGregg, and myself at @aier!



Dave Hebert
@Dave_Hebert

Come join @DrPaulMueller, @DrSamuelGregg, and myself at @aier!

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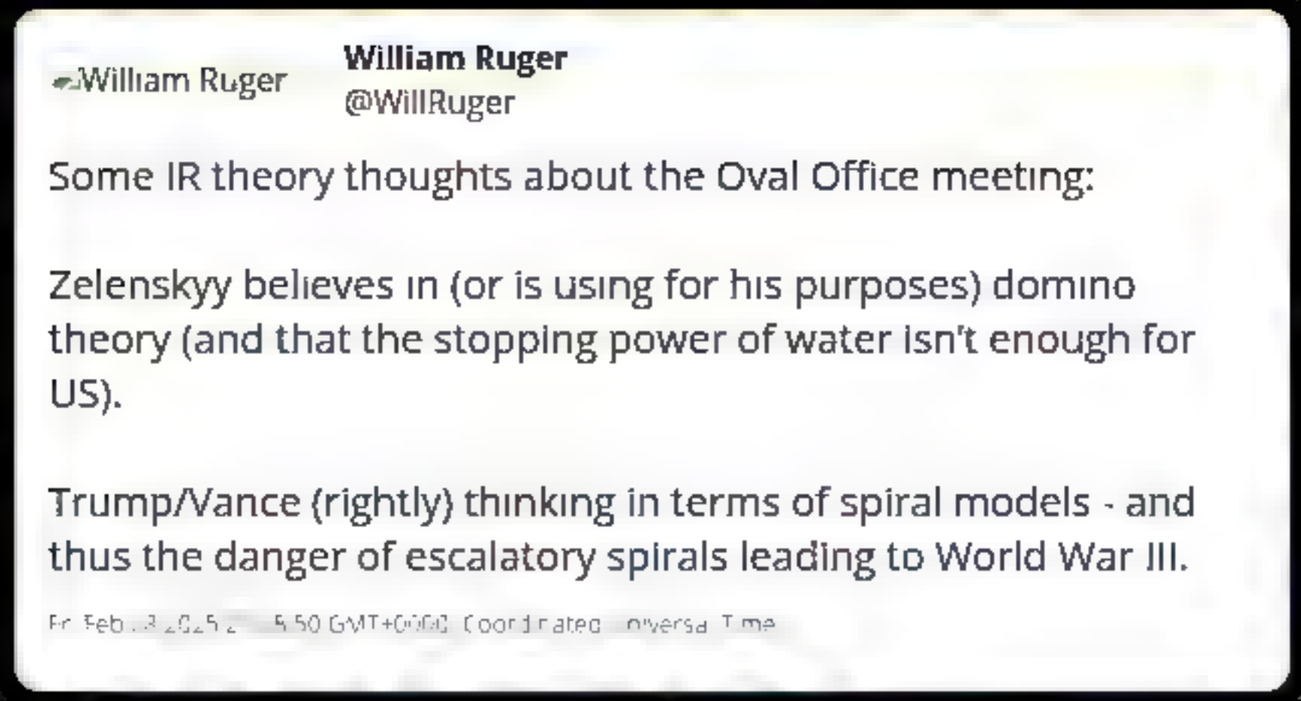
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William Ruger **William Ruger**
@WillRuger

Is this confirmed?

> **Tim Andrews**
> @Tim_Andrews
>
> The fact that President Zelensky called Vice President Vance a "Suka" (a vulgar swear term perhaps best translated into English as "bitch") under his breath which is clearly seen on all the videos, should tell you all you need to know ...
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William Ruger

William Ruger
@WillRuger

RT @RapidResponse47: .@MikeWaltz47: "Success looks like President Zelenskyy sitting down and talking the terms of peace... What became so e...



Rapid Response 47
@RapidResponse47

.@MikeWaltz47: "Success looks like President Zelenskyy sitting down and talking the terms of peace... What became so evident to us in that session is he's not ready to talk peace at all. Here's the problem: Time is not on his side. Time is not on the side of just forever... https://t.co/W212faGLYO

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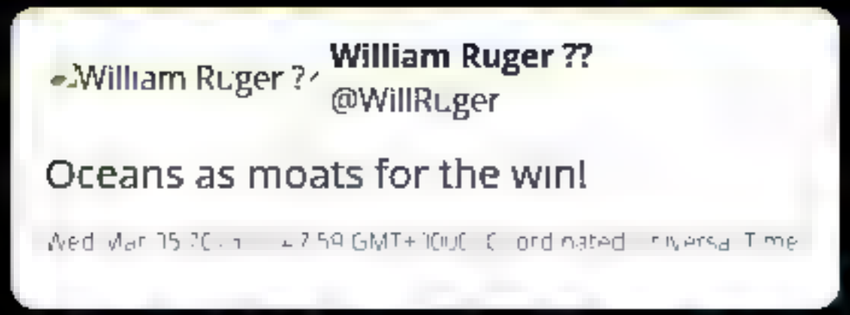
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